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INVASION OF EGYPT PENDING?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") General belief among French circles in Vichy is that Italy will launch a blitzkrieg against Egypt as soon as the rains are over.

Mussolini has sent a message to the Duke of Abba saying: "After the necessary pause you will make for further objectives with perseverance, determination and hardness, guarding the empire, extending its frontiers and increasing its power."

The Italian press confirms the indication given in the message of an impending offensive.

Rome newspapers refer to Africa as the main theatre of war operations for Italy. — Havas.

TYPHOON MISSES SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") THE TYPHOON WHICH THREATENED SHANGHAI OVER THE WEEK-END HAS PASSED NORTH-NORTH-WEST OF THE CITY.

Vessels scheduled to sail from Shanghai on Sunday remained in port, while the Kamakura Maru and President Pierce have also been delayed. Torrential rains caused flooding in certain low-lying districts. Loading and unloading of ships was interrupted and most ships bound for North and South China could not sail. — Havas.

JAPANESE NAZI YOUTH MOVEMENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") A youth movement similar to the Hitler Youth organisation in Germany is under consideration by the Japanese Welfare Ministry, the Tokyo "Yomiuri Shimbun" reports to-day.

Some 1,500,000 youths will be affected, and the Japanese organisation will be called the Patriotic Industrial Young Men's Association.

Membership will be compulsory. Physical exercises and labour corps will figure in the scheme.

The "Nichi-Nichi" says discipline will be observed in the single mind. — Havas.

Nazis Carry Out Mass Attacks

REMARKABLE SCENES WERE WITNESSED IN SOUTHERN ENGLAND YESTERDAY DURING A SERIES OF MASS DAYLIGHT RAIDS BY GERMAN AIRCRAFT. THE GERMAN MORALE BROKE AFTER A SERIES OF ATTEMPTS TO BREAK THROUGH LONDON'S DEFENCES — AND THEY TURNED AND FLED PELL-MELL.

TEA SCORE: 26 FOR 9

It was officially announced in London that up to 5.30 p.m., 26 enemy aircraft had been downed.

Nine British fighters were lost, but five of the pilots are safe. — Reuter.

INDO-CHINA BLOCKADE RUMOURS

FAST ON THE HEELS OF PERSISTENT REPORTS OF INSURRECTION BY FRENCH MILITARY FORCES IN INDO-CHINA, APPARENTLY ARISING FROM SYMPATHY WITH DE GAULLE AGAINST THE VICHY GOVERNMENT, COMES A REPORT THIS MORNING THAT THE JAPANESE HAVE IMPOSED A VIRTUAL NAVAL BLOCKADE OF HAIPHONG.

No confirmation is obtainable in authoritative quarters, but the reports suggest that the Japanese have acted in consequence of the growing anti-Vichy feeling in the French Colony.

Other Ports Also

The Japanese fleet in Tongking Bay is blockading not only Haiphong and other French Indo-China Ports, according to later reports received.

This step, it is alleged, was taken owing to the uncertain attitude of Admiral Decoux, the Governor-General of French Indo-China.

According to these reports, the Japanese are not satisfied whether Admiral Decoux is in favour of the Vichy Government or not.

same spirit that pervades the "rising manhood" will be brought in strong and healthy and of a discipline will be observed in the single mind. — Havas.

About 200 German bombers and fighters later crossed one part of the south-east coast when the Germans made their third mass attack of the day.

Battles were proceeding in all parts of the sky at different periods and people watching one of these taking place at a height of over 12,000 feet saw four raiders crash into the sea.

One bomb dropped on a south-east coast town was a crude form of incendiary consisting of a large canister containing oil and petrol.

The day's second air raid warning sounded in the London area as large formations of enemy aircraft, flying high, attempted to reach the London area but met concentrations of British fighters.

Planes were seen in the distance in an easterly direction and bursts of A. A. shells marked the terrific barrage being put up.

Hundreds of people saw 25 bombers repelled by the terrific A. A. barrage.

In one part the sky was black with smoke from bursting shells and raiders. Later British fighters streaked across the sky in the direction of the raiders.

Thames Estuary Battle

In the attempt between 8 and 9 a.m. by 100 German bombers and fighters to break through the Thames Estuary defences our fighters destroyed nine enemy. Four British pilots were missing after the engagement but one jumped safely by parachute.

Twenty-five enemy aircraft had been destroyed at about 5 p.m. yesterday, according to an Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communique.

Early in the morning, the communique stated, enemy aircraft were engaged by R.A.F. fighters and A.A. guns near the Thames Estuary.

Bombs were dropped at several points in Kent in the course of these engagements. Several were injured in one town.

25 Downed

Of the 25 enemy machines destroyed by 5 p.m., four were (Continued on Page 16)

CAROL ABDICATION RUMOURS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Reports from Bucharest hint that King Carol may abdicate in favour of his son, who once ruled the country as Boy Monarch. — Havas.

GANGSTER BOLDNESS IN S'HA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Terrifying a large number of bus passengers, 16 gangsters armed with pistols and hand grenades assaulted an inspector of the China General Omnibus Company in Shanghai yesterday when asked to pay their fare.

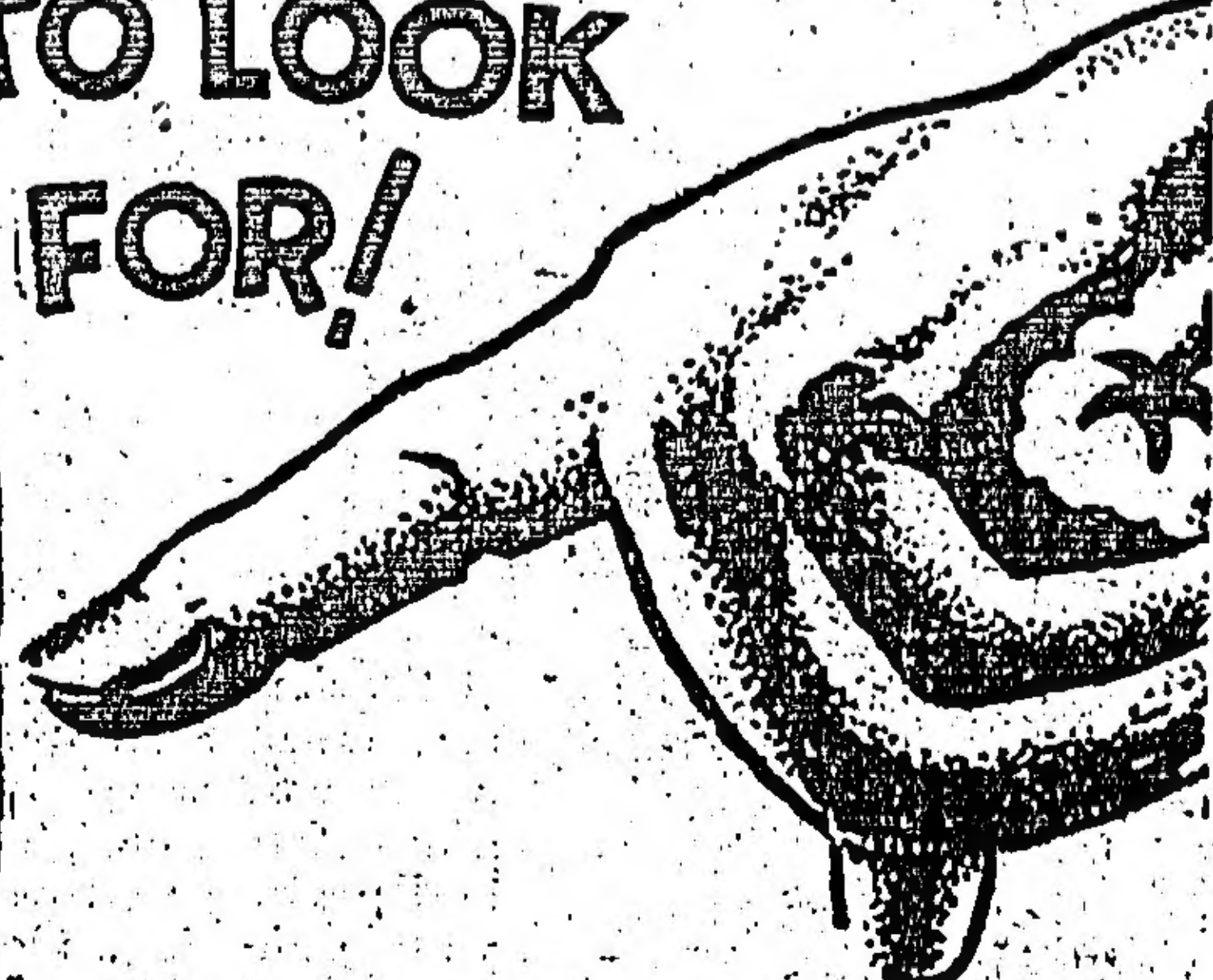
The incident occurred in the western district within the Settlement boundary in the sector formerly occupied by British troops.

After injuring the inspector the gunmen smashed windows in the bus and repeated the operation against two other vehicles which they stopped.

Residents in the district fear that with the absence of the British troops and suitable police protection, further attacks will be forthcoming. The attack lasted 10 minutes and neither Settlement nor Special Municipality police appeared. — Havas.

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War Supplies East Of Suez

PREPARATIONS ARE in full swing in Simla for what has been officially designated the "Eastern Group Conference" — more popularly known as the "plus and minus talks" — which the Viceroy is expected to open in New Delhi on October 25.

Hong Kong's delegates, as announced on Sunday, will be Mr. H. R. Butters, Mr. D. L. Newbiggin and Mr. John Whyatt.

All countries concerned have now accepted invitations to the conference which has been called to devise measures for co-ordination of war supplies in the Empire east of Suez.

Delegates from Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Burma, Hong Kong, South Rhodesia, Malaya and East Africa will discuss how the deficiencies of some of the participants can be made up from available or potential resources in the others.

It is thus hoped to make countries east of Suez as self-supporting for war purposes as possible.

A standing committee may be established to see that the decisions of the Conference are carried out.

War Supply Problems

Though the deliberations of the Conference are to be limited to war supply problems, it is expected certain delegations may be anxious to exchange information on general questions of trade and industry, particularly those arising from the loss of trade with European countries.

It is learned that the Government of India's Commerce Department is arranging to handle any questions of that sort which may be separate from the work of the Conference proper.

The services of a special mission from London, headed by Sir Alexander Roger, will be available for the conference.

Arms Output

It is expected the mission will make an extensive tour of India examining factory capacity and the best methods of increasing output of munitions and war supplies after which it will make recommendations from His Majesty's Government to the Government of India.—*Reuter.*

SMELLS-BUT OF WHAT?

AS IS TO BE EXPECTED, BERLIN KNOWS NOTHING OF THE TORPEDOING OF THE BRITISH SHIP CARRYING CHILDREN TO CANADA.

"The whole thing smells," says one German source.

"It was undoubtedly designed for American consumption. Probably there never was such a ship or any such children. If anything, it is worse than the Athenia case!"

It will be recalled that, according to Berlin, Mr. Churchill himself sank the Athenia!

Another German source says that in any case, Germany cannot be held responsible, because the total blockade applies to all ships.—*Reuter.*



Soldier casualties are recuperating in the grounds of a beautiful country house in the Home Counties. Photo shows patients and nurses joining in a Tug o' War contest. (Copyright, Fox).

HEAVY RAIDS IN ERITREA

A succession of raids were carried out on Assab (Eritrea) harbour, buildings and warehouses by R.A.F. bombers on Sunday, states an R.A.F. communique in Cairo.

Our aircraft attacked in a series of waves throughout the day. Two direct hits were registered on a large jetty and another on a small jetty. Many bombs hit a building and warehouses at the head of the jetty.

One petrol fire was started and burned for two hours. Another petrol fire occurred after a heavy explosion and was seen burning fiercely by a following flight of bombers from a distance of 25 miles.

Direct hits were also registered on a military barracks.

Enemy A.A. fire was heavy but all our aircraft returned safely.

Numerous reconnaissances were carried out over various places in Italian East Africa and Somaliland. A seaplane operated by a French crew effected a valuable reconnaissance in the Western Mediterranean.—*Reuter.*

OWNER IN SHANGHAI

Two traffic summonses against Miss Fung Po-king, of No. 73, Chun Yuen Street, were withdrawn before Mr. Q.A.A. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning, as the result of a letter from her stating that she was in Shanghai and did not know that someone had used her car which had not been duly licenced.

The summonses alleged that on August 8 she allowed an unlicenced driver to drive her car which was not duly licenced.

In connection with the same case Mr. Henlee Chan, of No. 75, Austin Road, was fined \$12 for driving Mrs. Fung's car without an appropriate licence.

BUS FARE EVASION COSTS \$5

Charged with evading payment of bus fare in King's Road yesterday, Chun Man, 20, fishmonger, was fined \$5, or seven days' hard labour, by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning.

Defendant boarded the bus at the Vehicular Ferry Wharf, and when asked for his fare, said he had a monthly ticket. He failed to produce it.

GROWING BRITISH STRENGTH IN DIPLOMATIC FIELD

REUTER'S DIPLOMATIC correspondent in London writes that although Britain has had her diplomatic setbacks since last September, the graph of diplomatic activity is now on the upward curve.

The British air victories have afforded our diplomacy a bright background for its work.

Anglo-American affairs could not be running more smoothly than at present and we are assured, whether President Roosevelt or Mr. Willkie becomes President, they will continue, in Mr. Churchill's phrase, "to be somewhat mixed up together" to our mutual benefit.

No informed person expects any Utopian developments with Russia but there is every confidence that the long-term interests of both nations will be found to be complementary.

The pact with Turkey has withstood every wile of Axis propaganda, while the ancient alliance with Portugal stands as firm as a rock.

Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Uruguay remain true to their friendship with Britain despite the expenditure by the Axis of millions of marks and lire in propaganda.

The Moslem States and communities in the Near and Middle East have rejected the proffered "protection" of Mussolini.

Axis propaganda has signally failed among our colonial peoples and is now failing in the French colonies also.

Rumania's Fate

An example of what happens to nations that throw away the safeguard afforded by a British guarantee is afforded by Rumania who a few weeks after relinquishing our protection and aligning herself with the Axis, has been ruthlessly robbed by her new-found friends of the very territories which Britain and France did so much to secure for her after the last war.

The fate of Rumania will not weaken British diplomacy. On the contrary it will strengthen it by giving small nations yet another warning against trusting in Axis "friendship."—*Reuter.*

AERIAL SURVEYING LABORATORY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A million-yen aerial surveying laboratory is to be established by the Japan Aviation Company next April, says the Tokyo "Asahi" to-day.—*Havas.*

RUMANIANS ON VERGE OF REVOLT

Leaders of the anti-cession movement in Transylvania state that they have called a mass meeting in Brasov on Sunday and that hundreds of thousands from all parts of Transylvania will come to utter their protest against the ceding of part of their country to Hungary.

Dr. Maniu, leader of the democratic Peasants' Party and himself a Transylvanian, is reported to have left Bucharest for Cluj, capital of Transylvania.

One of the leading Bucharest papers has started a campaign calling for the punishment of those responsible for "giving in like a defeated nation before a single shot was fired."

Crowds march through the streets singing patriotic songs and there have been several scuffles with the police. Armoured cars patrolling the capital and strong guards have been posted around the Royal Palace and the German and Italian Legations.—*Reuter.*

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HUMBLING OF THE LUFTWAFFE

THE FIRST YEAR OF WAR HAS MADE IT DRAMATICALLY CLEAR THAT THE GREATEST POTENTIAL WEAPON OF TERROR AGAINST EUROPEAN CIVILISATION THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN HAS BEEN TRIED OUT FOR THE FIRST TIME AGAINST A POWERFUL ADVERSARY AND HUMBLING, WRITES REUTER'S AIR CORRESPONDENT.

The correspondent adds that sooner rather than later in the second year of hostilities, now a few hours off, it was recognised that Germany would strain every nerve to make Britain feel the full power of the Luftwaffe.

Confidence, however, does not waver at the prospect of heavier night raids over the darkened face of Britain and repeated hammering at the A.A. guns and balloons sheltering its capital by day and night.

As British fighters patrol proudly over the London area this evening it is right to recall several encouraging factors.

Almost from the start of the war the R.A.F. shattered Goering's dream of the inviolability of Germany's air frontiers on its leaflet raids as far as Prague and Vienna.

Norway Chapter

The Norway chapter contained a stirring record of what a few determined young men can do under hazardous conditions against heavy odds.

Then in France and the Low Countries the R.A.F. made great holes in the armour of invincibility which appeared to shield the German army above. It seemed certain that if Britain could reach parity in numbers in time—and such parity is now in sight—the war in the air was as good as won.

All that has happened since the blitzkrieg and the counter-blitzkrieg on Germany and occupied territories has underlined this assertion of R.A.F. superiority in men and aircraft.

Proud Record

Experts to-day discount excessive optimism but they are far from pessimistic. They point to the proud record of the R.A.F. during the first 12 months of war, to the rapid growth of Britain's air fleet and to the almost unlimited supply of eager and well-trained men to fly it both in Britain and in the Dominions.—Reuter.

It has been in the air that the most serious fighting of the first year of war has taken place and it has been in the air, significantly enough, that Britain's most outstanding successes have been gained.

In the early days of the war the R.A.F. were mainly concerned with dawn to dusk escort for convoys, the success of which was shown by the amazingly few ships which were ever attacked while in convoy, and extensive reconnaissance flights over enemy territory for U-boats.

Aid To France

To counteract to some extent the numerical superiority of the German air force the R.A.F. sent to the help of the French army and air force more squadrons than had been promised in the winter and as events grew worse the R.A.F. more than doubled their assistance to the extent of seriously weakening its own home defences.

During the retreat British fighter pilots found themselves from dawn to dusk carrying out six or seven sorties daily. It was during these encounters and perhaps even more clearly during the week of terrific air battles over Dunkirk at the time of the retreat of the B.E.F. that the world witnessed the superiority of British machines and men over their German adversaries.

Superiority Shown

It became clear that once parity in striking power was attained the war in the air was won. To-day their superiority is being shown in engagements over Britain where during the past weeks of large scale German raids the proportion of German machines brought down to British has been steadily in the neighbourhood of three to one.

Since June 18 when the first large-scale raids began, some 1,500 German aircraft have been certainly destroyed and probably a further 50 per cent.

Even more important is the loss to Germany of such large numbers of trained flying personnel which in the same period must amount to some 3,750.

R.A.F. attacks night after night on military objectives, in Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland, Norway and German occupied France have unquestionably been causing considerable dislocation to German industrial life and to her war machine.

Huge Reservoir

Meanwhile the Empire air training scheme is now in full operation and already in June the first contingents of Colonial and Colonial trained pilots and crews began to take their part in the fight for Britain. The Empire air training scheme and Empire air-

ARMY OF OVER TWO MILLIONS IN FINE POSITION

IN SPITE OF THE vicissitudes of the Continental campaign it can now be said that the British Army, numbering 2,500,000 men, is in a fine position, says Reuter's military correspondent reviewing the situation after a year of war.

The correspondent adds that much of the military disaster on land during the past year was due to the fact that armies on the continental scale had not been contemplated by Britain until as late as 1939.

Events from May 10, when Germany attacked Holland and Belgium, and onwards to when the Maginot Line was penetrated on the Meuse, led to the complete re-orientation of the British Army's role.

Describing the evacuation from Dunkirk as a "fine feat of arms by which, though much equipment was lost, the force remained intact and was quickly rearmament to meet the possibility of Britain being invaded," the correspondent declares:

"The urgency of the situation quickly produced new men and new methods and to-day the British field force has arrived at a formidable quality and dimensions."

"Future developments of the campaign on land cannot be foreseen but that the British Army, after an unpromising start through no fault of its own, may play an important and possibly decisive part, is certain."—Reuter.

NAVY COMES THROUGH WITH FLYING COLOURS

AFTER A YEAR of intense activity and strain the Royal Navy has successfully countered every enemy attempt to reduce its power, the German fleet has been greatly weakened and Britain's offensive power by sea is infinitely stronger than it was a year ago, despite losses, says Reuter's naval correspondent.

These losses include one battleship (Royal Oak), two aircraft-carriers (Courageous and Glorious), three cruisers, 30 destroyers, 14 submarines.

A large number of these have either been replaced or are in process of replacement by the accelerated building programme, and in addition the strength of the Navy in auxiliary craft of all types has been vastly increased.

The convoy system has assured that at no time has the danger point been reached in losses of merchant shipping. British losses in mine-sweepers for over a year amount to about 80, including ships which went to Dunkirk to rescue men from the beaches. But despite the enemy's indiscriminate use of mines, our sweepers are able to keep British ports open for worldwide trade.

Air Menace

The Navy's most perilous task during the year has been to meet every form of air attack, but thanks to re-equipment with the latest A.A. weapons this menace has been countered with heavy losses to enemy aircraft with the result that the German air force now treats British ships with respect and recent attacks have been in the form of inaccurate bombing from a great height.

FRENCH AREA BOMBED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A lone British bomber, apparently on the way to Italy, dropped several missiles on military objectives in Digne, 45 miles from the Italian border. There were no casualties but a few fires were started by the bombs.—Havas.

BRITAIN DELIVERS THE GOODS

"After twelve months of war Britain is still delivering goods to her overseas customers and she will carry on in the second year as she has done in the first."

This confident picture of British trade at the end of a year's war was given exclusively to Reuter yesterday by Mr. Harcourt Johnstone, Secretary of the Overseas Trade Department.

He added: "Our export trade has been maintained with all parts of the world outside territories occupied by the enemy."

German bogus offers to South American countries to deliver German goods in September and October when Britain has been defeated, but no loss in face of our solid trade achievements.

"Typical of Nazi propaganda are fanciful stories of Lancashire having been put out of action by air raids. Lancashire has given the answer with increased cotton production."

Lancashire's Output

"During the first three weeks of August, normally a black time for seasonal reasons, Lancashire's cotton industry delivered 50,000 bales weekly compared with an average of 51,000 bales weekly for the whole of last year."

"Britain's customers in general can place orders with us in the second year of war with the same confidence that Britain will deliver the goods."—Reuter.

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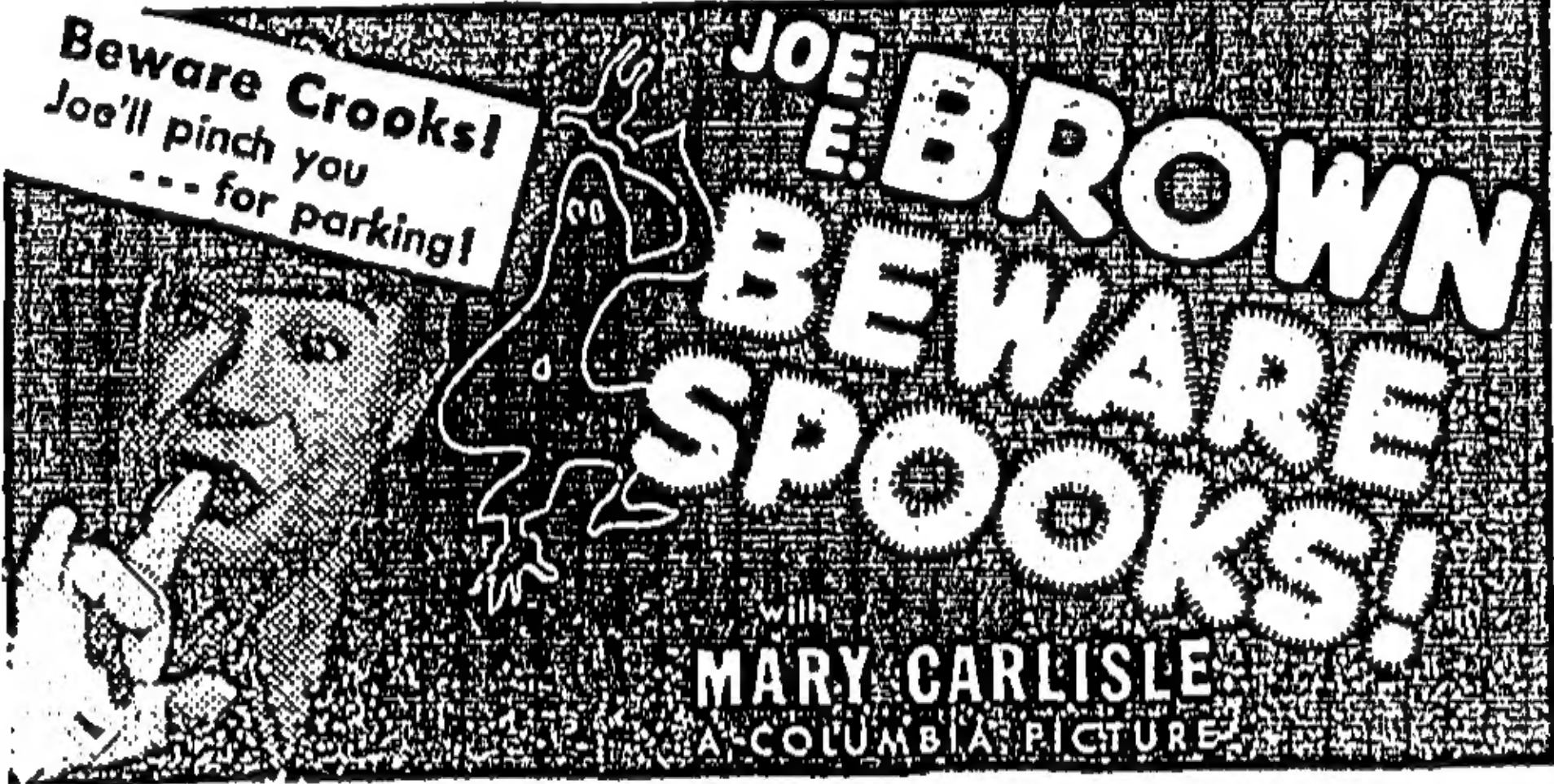
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Tour Of England With Raid Damage Observer

REPORTS FROM all parts of Britain showing exactly how much the Germans have actually managed to achieve in the way of damage during their raids were presented in a special broadcast from London yesterday.

The unnamed compere, a Canadian or an American, mentioned the heavy losses the Luftwaffe has sustained. There are few important places in Britain the raiders have not visited — some places have been raided 100 times — and the one question is:—How much damage has Hitler done in return for the 1,000 planes he has lost?

No names or actual clues are given, the compere pointed out. They would like to give the names of every town, street and factory where bombs have caused damage or loss of life — but the enemy would also like precise details. People in London who study the German statements side by side with our own secret reports know from this study how much the Germans would like this precise information. That is why no names are given.

The other day, for instance, the Luftwaffe reported it had destroyed the docks of Liverpool.

Asked for a statement about what damage had been done, the Ministry of Home Security said:—"The claim is not based on knowledge."

Want Facts

The Ministry pointed out that the German claim might be intended to help the Nazis in two ways — propaganda value or to provoke the British into giving details about the damage done.

If the truth was told, the Germans might adjust their strategy accordingly and bomb another port. If they did not tell the truth, they would be merely inviting the Germans to come and try again.

So, no names are given in these accounts, which are all by men who know their respective areas intimately, and in each case the men asked to make the reports were the men best qualified to know.

The first, a report on the Midlands, comes from a man employed with the Ministry of Information whose job it is to check reports and stories:—

In Midlands

A friend telephoned him the other day, he began, and asked him if he was all right. His reply was that he travelled through the Midlands area five miles or more daily, and had visited the parts that had suffered the most damage on that particular occasion his friend was asking about. The streets are not shut off and he never had to make a detour.

The damage he had seen consisted of:—A block of three houses shattered by a bomb, with 20 or 30 houses bearing scars in the shape of splinters; 100 yards away, a shop gutted by an incendiary bomb.

That was all. From his office window, he can see the open roof of a factory, and production was halted there temporarily. They are getting on with the job.

Two miles off his normal route he found six battered houses, but no more factories damaged. There are some, of course, but they represent only the smallest fraction of that area's industrial activity, and he has a letter on his desk written by a nightworker in a local newspaper in which he says:—

"To hell with the aerials! Are we night-workers going to be headed into shelters every time Jerry comes over? Let's carry on with full-time production!" That concluded this report, and, as the compere pointed out:—"You got a pretty good idea from that letter what the Midlands think of the air raids!"

100 Raids On Wales

The next report is by a reporter on the "Western Mail" which is issued in Cardiff but covers the whole of Wales. Unofficial estimates, said the reporter, are that Wales has had

over 100 raids since France collapsed. Night and day the Nazi bombers cross — or try to cross — our coastal defences from their bases in France, and night and day they draw opposition of the kind they obviously don't like.

But although they have done some damage, the great majority of their high-explosive and incendiary bombs have exploded harmlessly in fields, swamps and so on.

Some lives have been lost, people have been injured and homes destroyed, but the slight extent of the damage is out of all proportion to the large number of raids by the enemy.

It is unofficially estimated that up to the end of July 1,100 bombs had been dropped on Wales on targets ranging from docks and factories to farm-houses and hay-ricks.

Naturally some bombs were bound to find their targets, but "either Wales has been lucky or Papa Goering needs to give his pilots some bombing practice!"

Houses Hit

Two nights ago, German bombers were over docks and factories in South-West Wales. They met with violent anti-aircraft opposition, and their high-explosive bombs caused no damage of military significance.

One or two houses were hit and the rest fell across open ground. That incident seems to be a general indication of what the Nazis, with their hit and run tactics, are doing in Wales.

The third report, from an industrial area in the north-west of England, is also by a newspaper man who has lived there for a long time:—

He lives some 10 miles from one of the most extensive industrial areas. What have the German bombs done there?

There were a few sporadic raids two or three weeks ago but it is only in the past two or three days that the Germans have really tried to attack the area. Most of the damage has been to residential areas. It is really amazing how far away the bombs have fallen from anything which might be considered a military objective.

Nowhere Near

There have been some casualties in the past few days, and many have been children.

The wrecking of houses has been serious enough, but the total amount of damage is negligible and the loss of life small. He doubted whether the total death-roll was as much as that caused by holiday traffic in a normal week-end.

During the worse raid, when bombers came over in waves and they were in their shelter, an air raid warden, knocked on the door and called out:—"All right there? Take cover from anti-aircraft shrapnel. Cheerio!"

The Germans have not got anywhere near any military objectives in this area.

The compere added a footnote that this observer did not live in the country. His "beat" of 60 miles includes plenty of first class bombing targets — shipyards, docks, factories and so on.

Police Chart

The fourth survey is by a BBC man who is in a coastal area of England and has had much help from the police and other authorities in making out his report:—

A police inspector, he said, showed him a huge chart which has been kept up to date since last December, and which shows where the raids have been, where bombs were dropped, and so on. The chart looked shocking.

They set off to see for themselves. Heavy raids had been made on shipyards and docks—but the Germans will have to try again. The nearest bomb fell one and a half miles away!

Industrial plants were not even scratched. A few houses were wrecked.

The most damaged part was badly wrecked. The greater part of a block of five streets was damaged, with hardly a single house habitable—but these houses were practically slum property.

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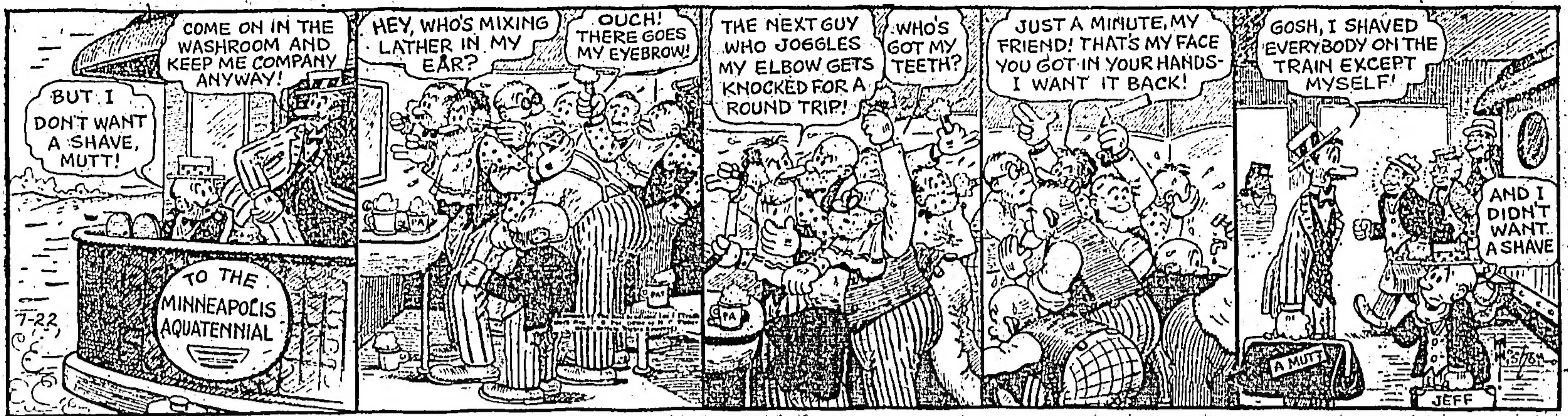


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FIGHTER PILOT BLUFFS 'KAMERAD' OUT OF NAZI AIRMAN

ONE OF THE COOLEST PIECES OF BLUFF SINCE THE BLITZKRIEG BEGAN ENABLED A BRITISH FIGHTER PILOT TO ADD A THIRD GERMAN FIGHTER TO HIS BAG OF TWO IN ONE BATTLE OVER KENT ON SATURDAY. IT WAS REVEALED IN LONDON YESTERDAY.

The pilot used up all his ammunition in shooting down two Germans when he saw a third Messerschmidt 109 dive east of him.

Here is the pilot's story:—"I followed him down to ground level and chased him southwards. He did not rise above 100 feet until well south of Maidstone and then throttled back.

"I overtook him, flew alongside him, and pointed downwards to the ground. "He turned away so I made a dummy quarter attack, breaking away very close to him.

"After this he landed. I saw the pilot get out, apparently unhurt, and as I circled round him he put his hands above his head so I waved back and threw him a packet of cigarettes I had with me.

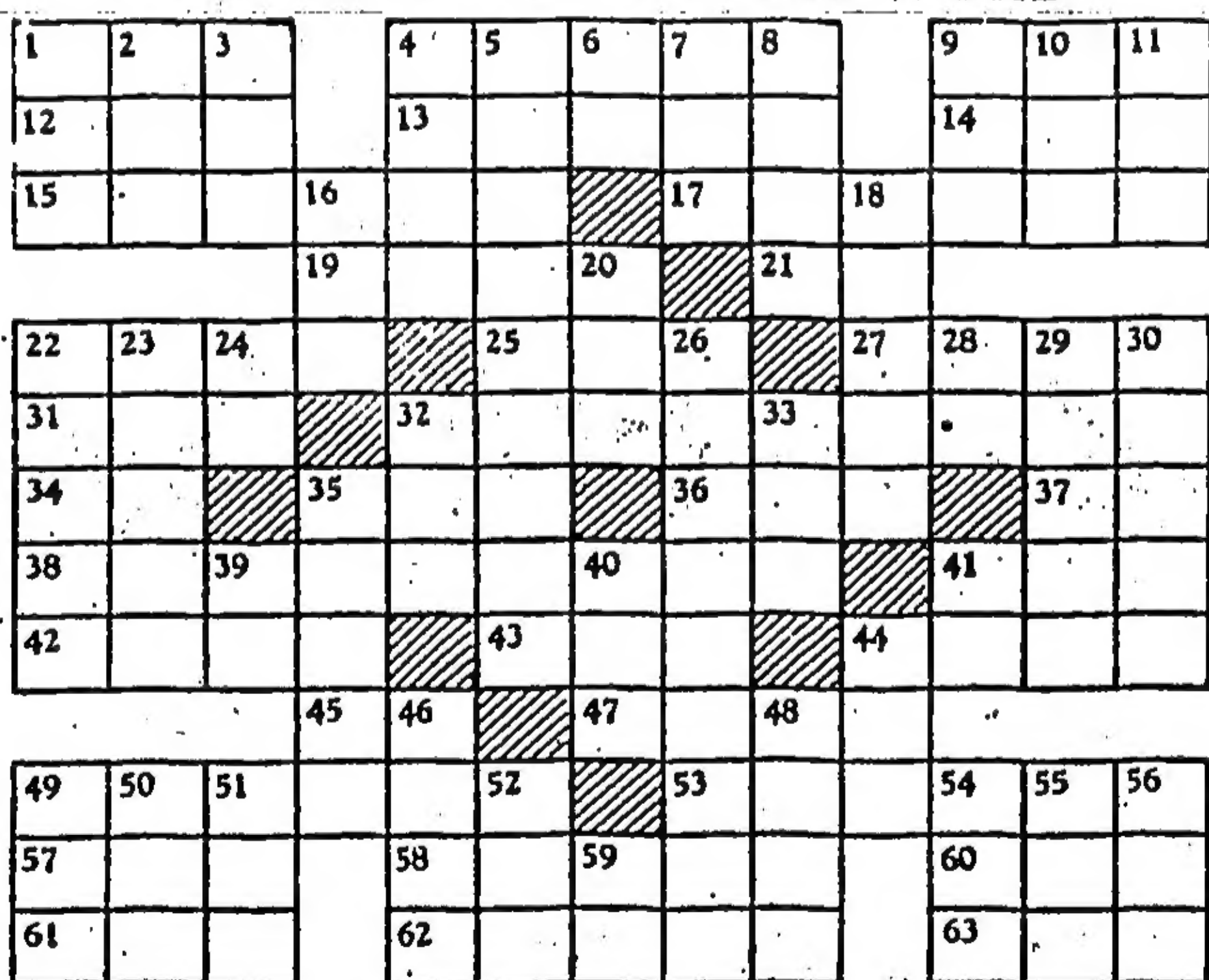
"He picked them up and waved again, and then I saw what I believed to be members of the Home

Guard take him prisoner."—Reuter.

SIR ARCHIBALD'S CHUNGKING VISIT

With reference to the reported journey of the British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, to Chungking, it was stated in official quarters in London yesterday that it had been expected the Ambassador would travel to Chungking in early September to resume contact with the Chinese Government, and it appears the visit is in the ordinary course of his diplomatic duties.—Reuter.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



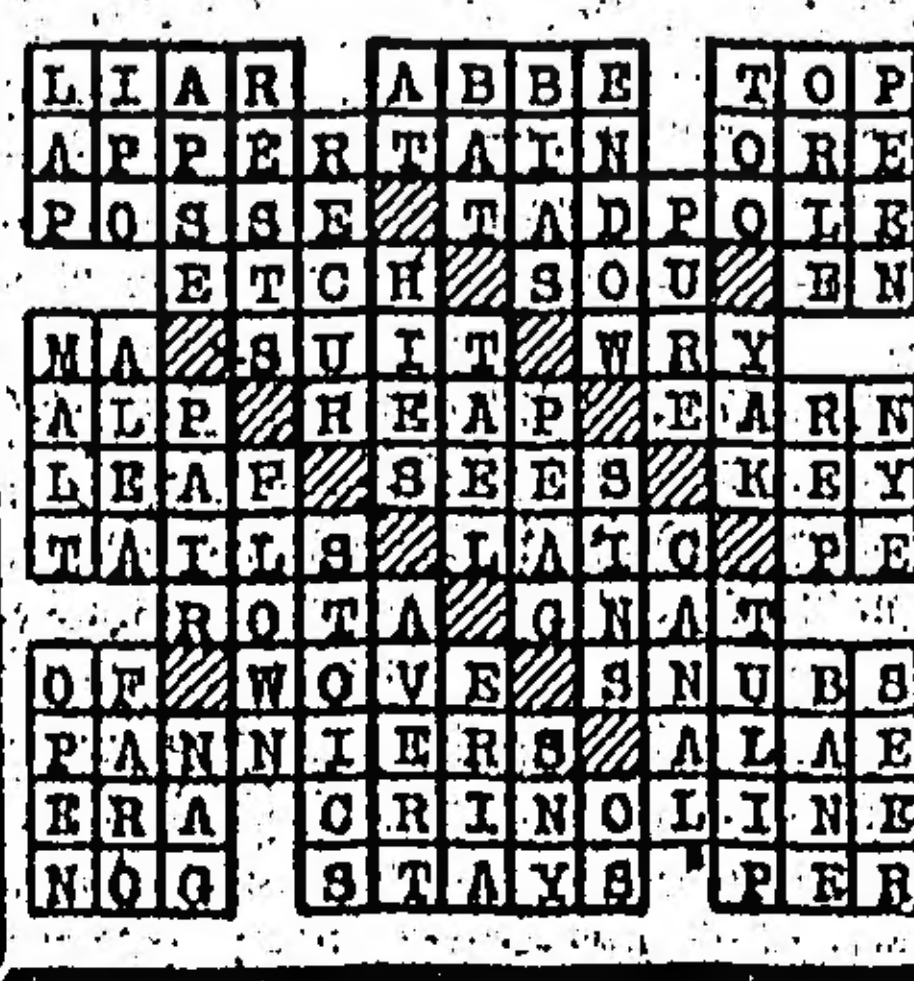
HORIZONTAL
1 Bustle
4 To sting
9 Crude metal
12 The sun
13 River in Italy
14 Parent
15 Is foolishly loquacious
17 Dispute
19 Solar disc
21 Archaic pronoun
22 Coasting instrument
25 Edge
27 Tree-snake
31 Dance step
32 Tollsone
34 By
35 To hit a blot
36 Born
37 Exits
39 Consisting of cavities
41 Unit
42 Silkworm
43 To consume
44 Nuisance
45 Parent
47 Woody plant
49 White wine
53 Pertaining to act of rising
57 European fish

58 Boredom
60 Spat
61 Indian pillar
62 Facing the direction whence a glacier impinges
63 Fear

VERTICAL
1 Poisonous snake
2 Beetle
3 Palm leaf
4 Let it stand
5 Unhappy
6 Hebrew month
7 Colour
8 Playing card
9 Room in a harem
10 Rodent

11 Holland commune
16 Viscous substance
18 To contradict
20 Pen-point
22 Room
23 Latin: father
24 Pronoun
26 Huge
28 Hawaiian bird
29 Impoverishes
30 Item of property
32 Man's nickname
33 Female ruff
35 Beast of burden
39 Chinese measure
40 Cereal grass
41 Periodic windstorm
42 To harass
44 Matrices
46 Goddess of discord
49 To stir
50 Girl's name
51 To rent
52 Insect
54 War god
55 Oath
56 Female sheep
59 Negative

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



INTERNEES SENT OUT OF COLONY

Enemy aliens interned in the La Salle College were transferred to another part of the British Empire over the week-end.

The internees were taken from the Internment Camp to a ship on Friday.

It is understood that there now remains only one person in the camp—Mr. Yamaguchi, the Japanese merchant who was interned over a month ago.

POLAND'S STAUNCH SPIRIT

"Although it is still bleeding in the unequal fight the Polish nation shows no sign of weakening or lack of faith in ultimate victory."

In these words the Polish Parliament, known as the Polish National Council, now in session in London, paid tribute during its last meeting yesterday to the great heroism of the Polish nation and expressed its gratitude to the Polish army in exile which continues to fight for the freedom of Poland.

The Council approved the conclusion of the Anglo-Polish military agreement, laying firm foundations for the further development of the Polish army in Great Britain.—Reuter.

NEW CALEDONIA RESTIVE

The Council of the French island colony of New Caledonia has resigned in protest against the appointment of Lt.-Col. Denis as Governor by the Petain Government, according to Paul Patterson, publisher of the "Baltimore Evening Sun," now visiting the island.

Patterson cabled his paper yesterday saying the Council, which favours General de Gaulle, demands a general election and adds that if this is refused serious trouble may develop.—Reuter.

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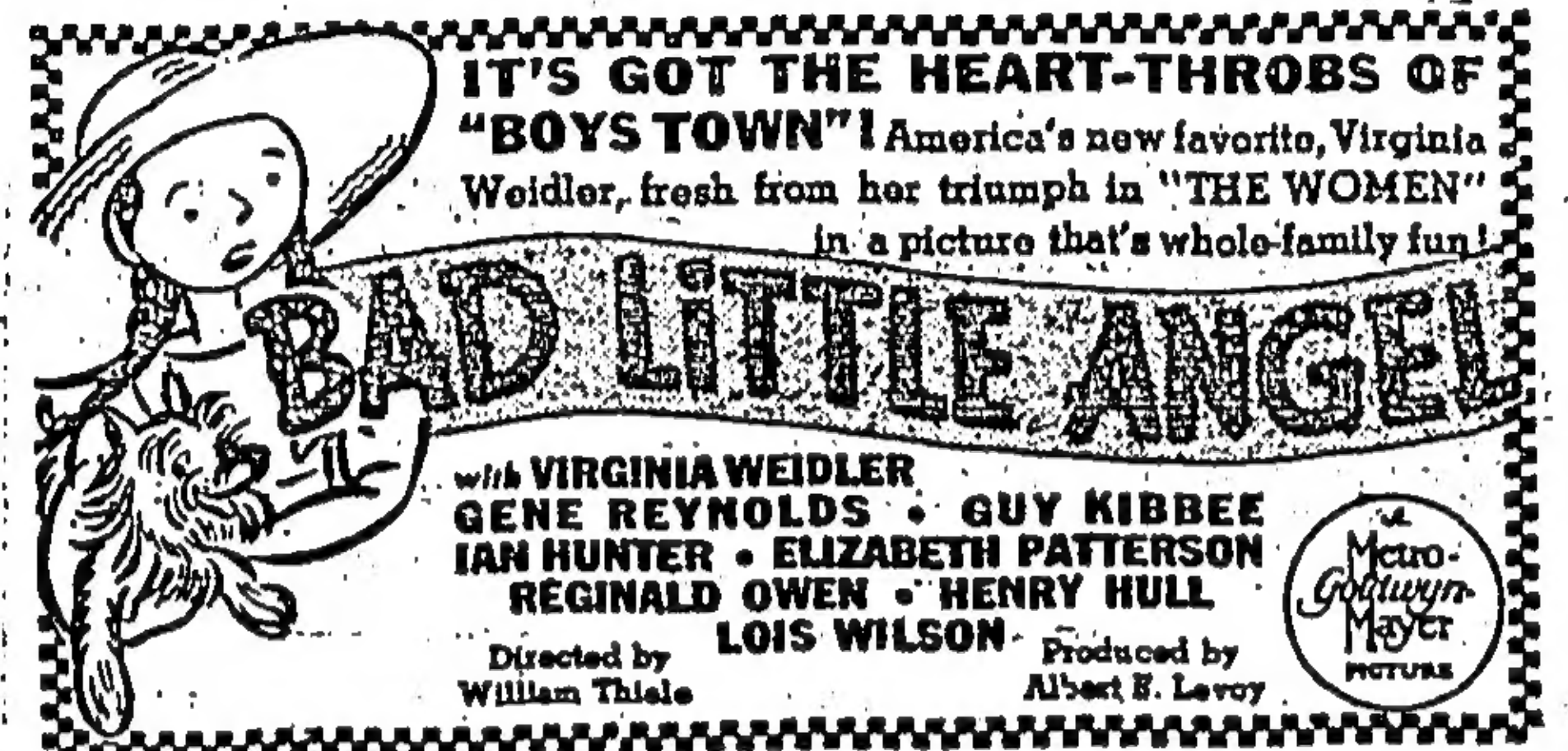
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BRITAIN ENTERS ON SECOND YEAR

AT 11 O'CLOCK this morning Britain enters upon the second year of a war in which as a united nation she took up arms to defend those principles of international conduct upon which the peace, prosperity and happiness of all peoples depend and to which the whole ideology of Nazism stands opposed.

The first year of war has brought many disappointments from the military point of view but far from being disheartened or dismayed the British people start the second year of hostilities with their confidence confirmed and their determination even more set than twelve months ago.

Within a week of the outbreak of hostilities the War Cabinet made its famous decision to "base their policy on the assumption that the war will last for three years or more". That declaration has been justified again and again by events. Knowledge that it was based on a fundamentally and essentially true appraisal of factors underlying the strength of the British Commonwealth and the weakness of Nazi Germany, won for it the approval of the whole people and the thought of it has brought renewed faith at every crisis.

Depressing The Springs

It found its last echo a fortnight ago in the speech of the Prime Minister to the adjourning Commons that "our offensive springs are being slowly compressed and we must resolutely and methodically prepare ourselves for the campaigns of 1941 and 1942" — campaigns which, as he later remarked, would be by no means exclusively defensive.

The confidence of the British at the start of another year is not the result merely of obstinate complacency but arises from the reasoned conviction that Hitler's blitzkrieg technique was always one confined to war on land and in the air and that established British sea-power and potential British air-power confronted him with difficulties which could not be overcome by lightning strokes. The unchallenged supremacy of the Royal Navy and the qualitative superiority of the R.A.F. which is now being demonstrated hourly by day over Britain and each night as far afield as Berlin, Munich, Milan and Turin, while British industrial power carries it each week nearer to quantitative equality, give to every British man and woman assurance of final victory.

Advantage Exhausted

The Nazis have exhausted the advantage which careful concentrated preparation for aggression gave to the German military forces. They are now faced with the irresistibly growing strength which Britain has summoned for their overthrow and behind which stands not only the faith of the British nations but the hopes of oppressed peoples and the goodwill of the freedom loving countries of the New World.—British Wireless.

BAD WEATHER IN YELLOW SEA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The U.S.S. Marblehead, scheduled to arrive in Shanghai yesterday from Tsingtao, has been delayed by bad weather along the coast.

Return of the Marblehead will mark the probable return of American warships from North China. The Augusta, flagship of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet, is probably arriving in Shanghai in mid-September. — Havas.

BOROTRA AT WORK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Jean Borotra, former Wimbledon champion and now Commissioner for Sports in the Vichy Government, yesterday inaugurated his first course of training for sportsmasters. — Havas.

EGYPTIAN CABINET REFORMED

It was understood in Cairo yesterday that the Egyptian Cabinet crisis has been satisfactorily settled.

The rearranged Cabinet was expected to be announced last night with Hassan Sabry Pasha in the triple role of Premier, Foreign Minister and Minister for Home Affairs.

The Minister of Finance will be chosen from the Saadists who are stated to be well satisfied with this arrangement.

The Wafd Party is excluded. Reuter was informed by a high official that the new Cabinet has been planned with a view to attaining "maximum results in the present difficult war conditions." — Reuter.

Minor Reshuffle

Later. It is confirmed that the Cabinet crisis has ended with a minor reshuffle of ministerial posts.

Hassan Sabry Pasha's taking over of the portfolio of Home Affairs in addition to the Premiership and Foreign Ministry released Nokrashy Pasha, the Saadist leader, for the Finance Ministry, while Ubdul Hamid Soliman, who hitherto had held the post of Finance Minister, becomes Minister without Portfolio. Party representation in the

THOUGHT QUAKE SHOCK WAS BOMBS

A slight earthquake shock was felt in Birmingham just before midnight.

Mr. J. J. Shaw, the West Bromwich seismologist, stated that the disturbance was local, although it was impossible to tell whether Birmingham was on the edge or in the centre of it. The shock was felt all over the city.

Some people left their homes under the impression that an air raid was in progress.

KOBAYASHI MISSION

Declaring his mission was "to bring prosperity to the nation," Mr. Kobayashi, special Japanese envoy to the Netherlands East Indies and Minister of Commerce, sailed from Tokyo to-day for Batavia.

In an interview, Mr. Kobayashi said the only course he could follow was to carry on negotiations "rapidly and resolutely in accordance with the national policies."

He intended, he said, to "bring to realisation the task imposed upon Japan which is to assume the leadership in China of the mutual prosperity of East Asia." — Reuter.

Cabinet thus remains unchanged, with six Independents, four Saadists, four Liberals, one Ittihadist and one Nationalist. The Wafdists remain in opposition. — Reuter.

MILITARY CROSS FOR THE HEROES OF MOYALE

CAPT. J. D. HENDERSON, son of Lady Henderson of Nairobi and nephew of Sir Neville Henderson, last British Ambassador to Germany, and Lt. S. E. Dutoit, both serving with the King's African Rifles, have both been awarded the M.C. for their share in the heroic defence of Moyale in mid-July, says Reuter's special correspondent somewhere in Kenya.

A number of other awards have also been approved.

Capt. Henderson was commander of a company of the King's African Rifles 150 strong who held out against Italian forces ten times stronger.

Lt. Dutoit led out the garrison of Moyale after five days' siege during which over 1,000 shells were pumped into the fort which is barely 500 by 300 yards.

The epic defence of Moyale was described by General Dickenson as "one of the finest things in the history of the King's African Rifles."

Rain Of Shells

The official reports says the garrison lived days and nights in trenches under a rain of shells and bullets, repelling attack after attack and hurling back enemy storm troops repeatedly from the barbed wire of the outer defences.

The garrison was prepared to defend Moyale to the last man but the Higher Command considered it was not of sufficient strategic value to justify such a sacrifice, and so ordered the withdrawal of the garrison who slipped through the enemy lines in darkness and joined the relief force. — Reuter.



"NON-AGGRESSIVE" DIPLOMACY

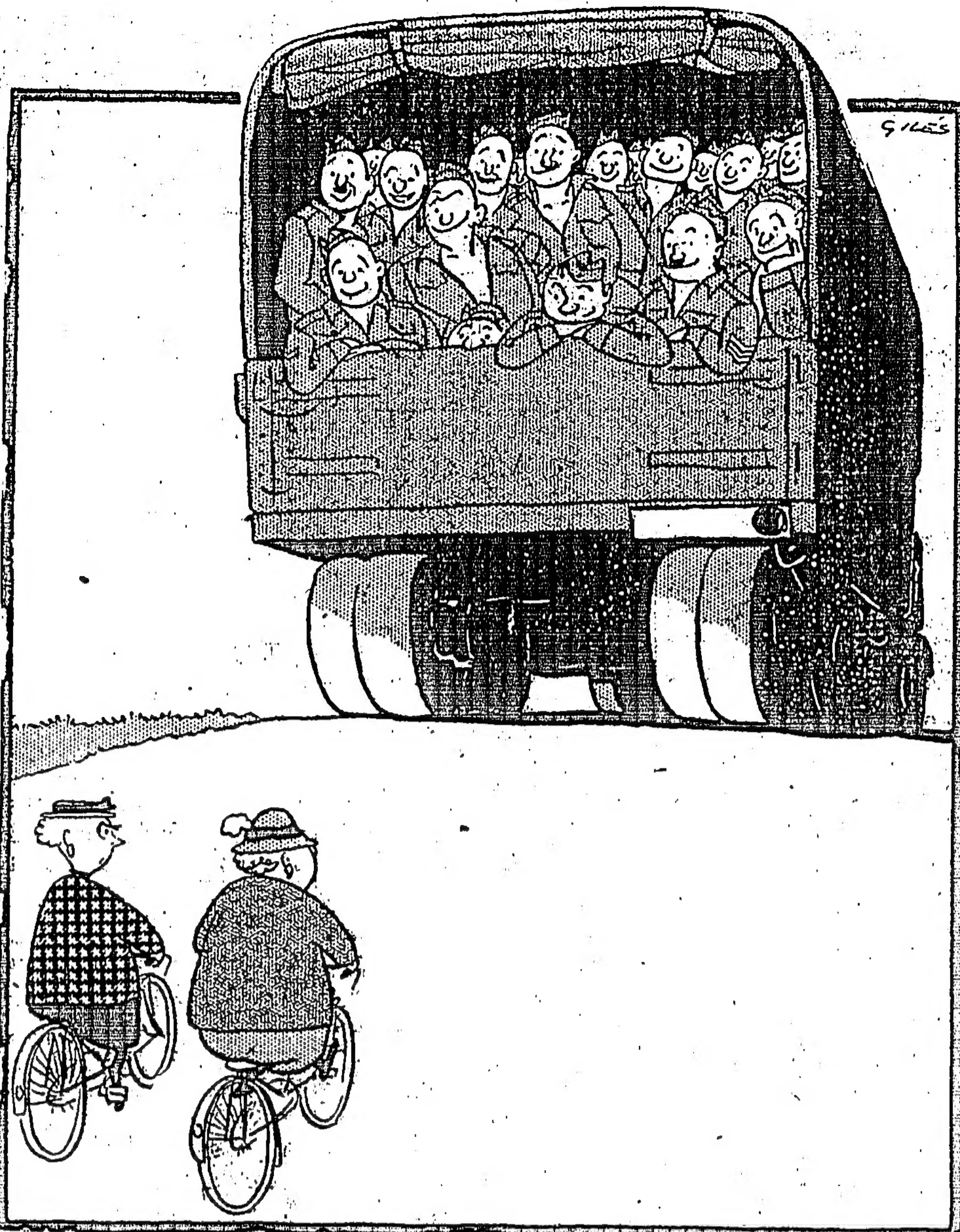
Reports that Germany is offering more of Poland to the Soviets, as an inducement to keep Russia quiet over the Balkans, indicate a developing tension in the game for hegemony on the European continent. The Axis Powers have made it plain that they want peace "in this part of Europe." They have gone so far as to compel Rumania to give up territory to Hungary and Bulgaria in order to keep those nations satisfied. But whether the Axis can continue to increase its influence in the Balkans without rousing the Soviets is still a delicate question.

Polish territory is not the only offering with which the Axis is tempting the Russians. There is talk, too, of some concessions to Russia in the sub-Carpathian Ukraine, seized from Czechoslovakia by Hungary. All this activity comes under the official Nazi label of "European reconstruction."

But that label is not opaque enough to prevent one from seeing through it into the Balkan bottle. The proposed boundary revisions obviously are intended primarily to keep the Balkans quiet, so that supplies from that area can go forward to Germany; and also to prevent Russia from making further inroads in that region.

And what does Russia think of the manoeuvres and the offers? Will the Soviets be content to let Germany and Italy get a new grip on Southeastern Europe? Will Moscow remain appeased by Rumania's cession of Bessarabia to Russia?

Already the impassive Stalin seems to be looking away from recent new gains on the Baltic Sea and toward the situation in the Balkans. Reports from Belgrade recount travellers' observations of increasing activities of military significance. And, indeed, the very fact that the Axis must busy itself with Balkan matters while its announced invasion of Britain is still pending shows that Reichsfuehrer Hitler continues to have problems east, as well as west.



"I HOPE THEY DON'T THINK WE'RE FOLLOWING THEM, VERA"

What England Means To Me

London.

What is the value of British life and character to world civilisation? To answer this question I will look at Britain from outside, and make the following bold generalisation about the world's attitude toward her. The world's fools admire Britain; its clever knaves scorn her; and its wise men love her. An explanation of these three different points of view will take us a long way toward understanding Britain's peculiar character and worth.

The fools who admire Britain are usually rich fools. They see this country as the earthly paradise of the idle splendid rich, who have here their racing stables, their yachts, their grouse moors, their country houses, in which is discovered an ancient smooth tradition of pleasant time-killing existence. The second-generation rich, nearly all over the world, have nearly always adopted English outward habits and tricks. They do not mind being regarded as Anglophiles, though, as a rule, they know next to nothing about the English people or genuine English thought. They regard London as the most magnificent and satisfying of all capital cities, and Mayfair as the best fashionable quarter in the world. It is the existence of so many of these feather-headed persons that has given English life a false appearance of luxury and decadence.

These Anglophiles produce the Anglophobes, and as these people have more intelligence and energy they have also more influence. They see what we take very little trouble to hide, what indeed we almost flaunt, and that is the huge list of faults and weaknesses. They notice our people's love of ease, and distaste, at normal times, for hard work; our complacency, our snobbery; our lack of respect for intellect. In their eyes the huge Empire is always ready to fall to pieces. We seem to them sleepy, decayed, and altogether unworthy guardians of so vast a treasure house. That is nearly always the view of the German, who is perpetually irritated by the thought that these slack but still arrogant islanders, whose grasp is obviously so loose, should command even yet more wealth, power, and respect than the members of his own dis-

ciplined, industrious, and self-sacrificing Reich.

Among these Anglophobes are all the clever knaves, who find it easy enough to outwit the nearest yawning British official, who is apparently more interested in his lawn tennis and his golf than in his work, and so soon develop a sharp contempt for Britain. Her day, they prophesy, is done. It does not occur to them, chiefly because they have that kind of cleverness which is too smart to learn anything profound, that such prophecies have been made before and with equal certainty by clever men who were suddenly dismayed to find the sleepy

man race when scientific blackguards, conspirators, churls and fanatics manage to supplant him.

(Incidentally, could there be a better description of the Nazis than "scientific blackguards, conspirators, churls and fanatics"?) It would be easy, if we had space enough, to find 50 passages like this from the words of the wise about Britain. Now what is it about the British scene and character that calls forth such eulogies?

Odette Keun once wrote that the Briton "is so free, as an individual and as a nation, from envy, bitterness, and the sentiment of revenge, that on this score he appears to me, who has been endowed to the topmost degree with the true vindictive European soul, to belong already to the angelic hosts." There is irony in this praise, and yet it contains a profound truth. In many things British life is generations behind life elsewhere. But in other, and to my mind, more important things, it is ahead of, at a higher stage of development than national life elsewhere. I do not mean by this that Britons as individuals are better than individuals in other countries, although I think their tolerance, kindness, fairness, and public spirit are hard to match. I mean that the British community is in many respects the most highly developed in the world, and that its peculiar strength is, of the utmost importance at this present hour.

It has long been observed with astonishment that national crises—such as some gigantic conflict between capital and labour—that would mean anger and riot and bloodshed in any other country seem to pass off quite easily and peacefully in Britain.

There is no store of savagery waiting to be let loose, as there is in America. The reason for this may be found in some observations by the philosopher, John MacMurray, who has pointed out that the values upon which English society is based are religious.

The governing values of English social life belong to the field of direct personal relationships. That is why Communism, theory, with its clear-cut antagonism, never has made much im-

By
J.B. PRIESTLEY

old lion transformed into a great roaring beast, eager for a fight to a finish. (It is significant that Emerson pointed this out, a hundred years ago.)

There is an old joke here about the periodical Punch. "Punch isn't as good as it used to be. Punch never was." In the same way, Britain is not as good as it used to be, and Britain never was. But the world's wise men love Britain. For example, I think it will generally be conceded that George Santayana, the Spanish philosopher who taught in America and has since settled in Rome, is a first-class specimen of the international wise man. And nobody has written more eloquently and enthusiastically about the British character than he has.

"He carries his English weather in his heart wherever he goes, and it becomes a cool spot in the desert, and a steady and sane oracle among all the deliriums of mankind. Never since the heroic days of Greece has the world had such a sweet, just, boyish master. It will be a black day for the hu-

Challenge To Democracy

So sudden and complete has been the temporary catastrophic triumph of Nazi Germany over a great part of Europe that the average Britisher has been roused to facing present-day issues in a manner more fundamental than is his wont.

Few there are to-day who do not acknowledge the justification of the historical truth that no empire falls from attacks from without, but from within—that the France which petitioned for peace terms in June, was already grievously weakened before the Nazis' mechanised onslaught.

France, the home of modern democracy, is under a cloud. This may have driven certain people here to an abandonment of the democratic ideal, but for the vast majority it has been a warning of the terrible results which follow the neglect of defects in the democratic system as now operating, and particularly a call to examine dispassionately the failure of that which has passed muster for modern democracy in many countries, besides France.

In such an illusion of democracy, there has existed side by side a public much given to wrangling, ignorant and incapable of grasping fundamental issues, and far-seeing, resourceful and resolute leaders out to prosecute the war with the utmost energy

By J. Emlyn
Williams

but frustrated by popular apathy.

This conception may still remain in some peoples' thought but actually it has long ceased to exist in Britain. It has been replaced by a keen sense of awakening among the general masses and it is encouraging to note, as proof of a more enlightened democracy working from below upwards, that the most effective moves toward a more dynamic democracy have come from the people themselves.

This was not only true of the impetus which led to the creation of the National Government under Mr. Churchill but also when that Government promised a programme of "blood and tears, toil and sweat," the average Britisher showed no dismay, only amazement that his leaders had not issued such a challenge long ago.

Rarely, if ever, has the problem of leadership in democracy been so openly discussed among the ordinary people. They do not define it in classroom terms, and it is turned from an academic into a practical problem by the fear lest the British system should contain such defects as in France. The Press has given its readers some valuable and dispassionate analyses of the French situation prior to capitulation and the average man has not been slow to note that these have been summarised as "lack of foresight, fear of responsibility, divided counsel, outmoded military thinking and total inability to understand Nazi Germany's aims and purposes and methods."

pression upon the British workers, who are sensitive to the injustice of exploitation under which they live, but are equally sensitive to the "great amount of goodwill and kindness that is to be found in their relations with those human beings who happen to be capitalists, often through no fault of their own."

I think I have criticised life in Britain as often and as sharply as any contemporary writer. But nevertheless I have always felt strongly that that life could only be reformed, so to speak, on its own basis, that in its acceptance of and permeation by great moral, or perhaps even religious, values, it was already at a higher stage of development than societies dominated by Fascist or Communist theories, that Britain, perhaps because it is small, ancient, and has known so much security, is the most advanced laboratory of political and civic experiment in the world.

I do not believe that the United States, or any other democracy, has anything to gain from imitating Britain. These two great democracies cannot travel on exactly the same road. But I do hold that what is individual and unique in Britain is so precious to good men everywhere in the world that if Britain could no longer go her own way, if her ancient liberties were extinguished, it would be as if a great light were put out, and men who had never set foot in this island would still feel that their own way to the good life were now darker and more dangerous.



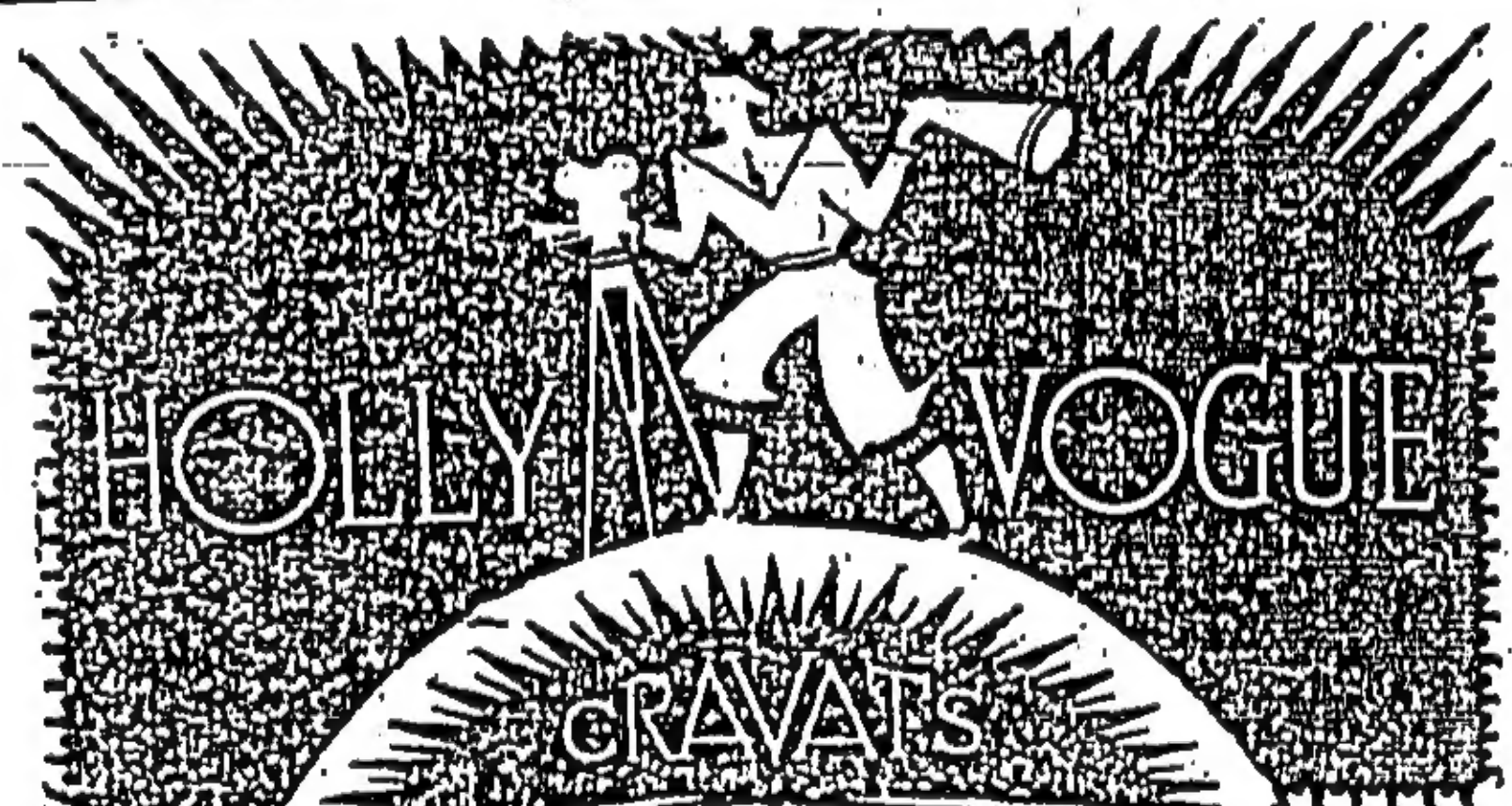
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NAVY MASTERS NAZI TACTICS

THE BRITISH NAVY in the first year of war has been faced with and in each case has mastered three distinct forms of attack from the enemy.

For days before the outbreak of war German U-boats had been posted all over the world on the most frequented trade routes.

Thus, during the first weeks, British merchant vessels, still scattered as they were in days of peace, were highly vulnerable to German submarine attack.

But with the introduction of the convoy system and as result of vigorous action taken by the Navy—in the first 20 days of war over 100 attacks were made on U-boats—the German U-boat campaign, was clearly seen to be failing to achieve its object of crippling Britain's overseas trade.

Realisation of this failure by the German authorities was manifested in two ways: ruthless warfare against neutral merchant shipping and violent propaganda and threats directed towards compelling neutral shipping to eschew the safety of British convoys.

Magnetic Mine

Then, just after the middle of November, Germany began to employ her so-called secret weapon—the magnetic mine. Again Germany met with some initial success but a combination of great skill and gallantry brought the secrets of the magnetic mine to light and the provision of the necessary counter-measures was a mere matter of time. Soon Germany's mining campaign was relegated to the ranks of many costly nuisances which could have little bearing on the outcome of the war.

Finally came air attacks on shipping—attacks which included lightships among their targets and manifested other forms of ruthlessness which shocked the whole world.

Indecisive — Expensive

But the gunners of merchant ships and of convoy escorts became more and more proficient and they inflicted many losses on the enemy and, like the U-boat campaign and the mining campaign, air attack was proving indecisive and expensive.

The well established principle in war that sea control can only be attained and exercised on the sea has been once more proved valid by events in the past year. The Norwegian campaign alone virtually deprived Germany of a chance of seriously challenging the British Navy with her own sea forces for in that campaign a substantial part of the German navy was destroyed.

Eleven German destroyers met their end at Narvik and two others were probably lost elsewhere, three cruisers were sunk, the battle cruiser Scharnhorst and the pocket battleship Admiral Scherer received serious damage and losses were also inflicted on her U-boat and other craft.

Most outstanding naval event of the first year was the historic action of the River Plate in which the greatest traditions of the Royal Navy were vindicated anew in the gallant attack upon the pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee, which was chased into Montevideo and scuttled herself to avoid further action with the British forces.—British Wireless.

TURKISH AID FOR GREECE?

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT INFORMAL TURCO-GREEK DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN PROCEEDING RECENTLY WITH THE OBJECT OF ESTABLISHING WHAT AID, IF ANY, GREECE COULD EXPECT FROM TURKEY IF SHE WERE THE VICTIM OF AGGRESSION.

In some quarters in Ankara it is feared there may be a revival of the Italo-Greek dispute.

It is thought the dull hitherto may have been due to the need for the Axis powers to dispose of the Rumanian question first.—Reuter.

UNEMPLOYED WELL BELOW A MILLION

The Ministry of Labour announced in London yesterday that between July 15 and August 12 there was a reduction of 27,814 in the number of unemployed persons in Great Britain.

There was a reduction of nearly 50,000 in men and women registered as unemployed but the numbers of boys and girls rose by nearly 22,000.

The total of 799,000 persons registered as unemployed on August 12 was 432,000 less than the corresponding date a year ago.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT WARNS OF ENEMY AT HOME

"The greatest attack that has ever been launched against the freedom of the individual is nearer the Americas than ever before," declared President Roosevelt yesterday, speaking at the dedication of the National Park at Great Smoky Mountains, Tennessee.

President Roosevelt added: "To meet the attack the United States must prepare beforehand, for preparing later may and probably will be too late." President Roosevelt also drew attention to the enemy at home which existed "in a mean and petty spirit that mocks at ideals, sneers at sacrifice and pretends the American people can live by bread alone."—Reuter.

VISCOUNT WOUNDED

Major Viscount Garnock, of the Scots Guards, only son and heir of the Earl of Lindsay, is among twenty-two officers reported wounded in Army Casualty List No. 21.

"PENZANCE" TORPEDOED AND SUNK

It was officially announced in London yesterday that H.M. sloop Penzance has been torpedoed and sunk.

Penzance was commissioned in 1931 and figured in the occupation of the Red Sea port of Hodeida by King Ibn Saud's troops in 1934.

After the withdrawal of the Yemeni troops, she was used to transfer 300 foreigners including a number of British Indians from Hodeida to the island of Kamaran. Her commander, Commander Wavish, was formerly King's Harbourmaster at Gibraltar.—Reuter.

GERMAN RIGHTS IN RUMANIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE NEW RUMANO-GERMAN AGREEMENT DEALING WITH THE STATUS OF THE ESTIMATED 850,000 MEMBERS OF THE GERMAN MINORITY IN RUMANIA, COMPLETELY ALTERS THE SITUATION OF GERMAN IN RUMANIA.

Formerly the German minority enjoyed a certain freedom granted by the Rumanian Government.

Henceforth they will have proportional representation in regions in which they live. They will also have full freedom of speech and expression in the press.—Hayas.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure is highest over the Pacific to the east of Japan. The typhoon is situated in the Yellow Sea in the vicinity of southern Korea, moving NNE, and an area of low pressure extends from Formosa to the Mariana Islands.

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MUNICH'S FIRST BOMBING

The R.A.F. attacked the North Sea to Lombardy on Sunday night and one of the new objectives on this 700-mile front was the Bosch ignition plugs factory at Stuttgart, which is heavily defended by A.A. batteries and searchlights.

Several explosions were heard and fires seen after bombs were dropped on the factory.

High explosives fell all along railway sidings at Munich which was bombed for the first time, and many fires broke out, says the Air Ministry news service.

At Turin (Italy) the first aircraft bombed the Fiat works so effectively that an explosion occurred the reverberation from which shook the aircraft at a height of several thousand feet.—Reuter.

Extensive Operations

Extensive operations over Germany, Italy, Holland and France were carried out by R.A.F. bombers, states an Air Ministry communique.

After chronicling the bombing of enemy aerodromes at Ypenburg and Schipol on Sunday, the communique says on Sunday night aircraft factories at Munich and Stuttgart, oil plants at Hanover, Ludwigshafen and Nordenham, munition factories at Leipzig and Bitterfeld, shipping at Emden, the power station at Kassel, goods yards at Seest and Mannheim and many enemy aerodromes were among targets attacked.

Crash Off Landing

The Fiat aircraft works at Turin and the Marelli magneto works at Esso San Giovanni were successfully bombed.

Aircraft of the Coastal Command attacked an enemy submarine and E-boat base at Lorient (France).

From all these operations all our aircraft returned safely except one which crashed on landing.—Reuter.

SHEER WEIGHT OF NUMBERS

Details of heavy German losses in Poland, including 1,000 planes, were declared by General Sikorski, Polish Prime Minister and Commander-in-Chief, in a special statement on the anniversary of the German invasion of Poland yesterday.

General Sikorski said the Germans lost in round figures 100,000 killed, 200,000 wounded and nearly 1,000 tanks and 1,000 planes.

Not until the Germans came to grips with the English had they put up such a stiff fight which lasted over five weeks, and the Poles were beaten simply by superior numbers, one Pole having to face four Germans and one Polish tank 20 German.

General Sikorski added Poland would be reborn as the result of the joint Allied effort coupled with the gigantic resources and spirit of resistance of the British Empire.—Reuter.

NOTHING TO REPORT

A communique issued by G.H.Q. in Cairo yesterday states there is nothing of importance to report on all fronts.—Reuter.

NEW ZEALAND'S AIR FORCE CONTRIBUTION

The New Zealand Defence Minister announced in Dunedin yesterday that when New Zealand reaches its maximum contribution under the Empire air scheme she will send nearly 3,000 pilots, gunners and observers to Canada and Britain a year. First observers and gunners are going to Canada soon.—Reuter.

FRENCH NAVAL MEN DECORATED

THE FIRST BRITISH DECORATIONS AWARDED TO A FRENCH NAVAL UNIT SINCE THE START OF THE WAR WERE PRESENTED BY VICE-ADMIRAL SIR MAX HORTON AT A NORTH-EAST SCOTTISH PORT YESTERDAY WHERE SEVERAL HUNDRED MEN OF THE ROYAL NAVY, THE FREE FRENCH NAVY AND THE ROYAL NETHERLANDS NAVY PARADED.

The senior officer of the French unit received the D.S.O., two junior officers the D.S.C. and four warrant officers the D.S.M., while five French ratings were specially mentioned in despatches.

Admiral Horton, addressing the French navy men, spoke of the close and happy cooperation existing between the Free French and British Navies which he hoped to see greatly extended in the future.—Reuter.

WANT TO GO ON

MOST OF THE CHILDREN WHO WERE BROUGHT BACK, ALL SAFE AND SOUND, FROM THE TORPEDOED SHIP STILL WANT TO CONTINUE THEIR VOYAGE TO CANADA.

As one 13-year-old said:—"I'm not afraid. Please let me sail to Canada before my mother knows. She'll only try to stop me!"

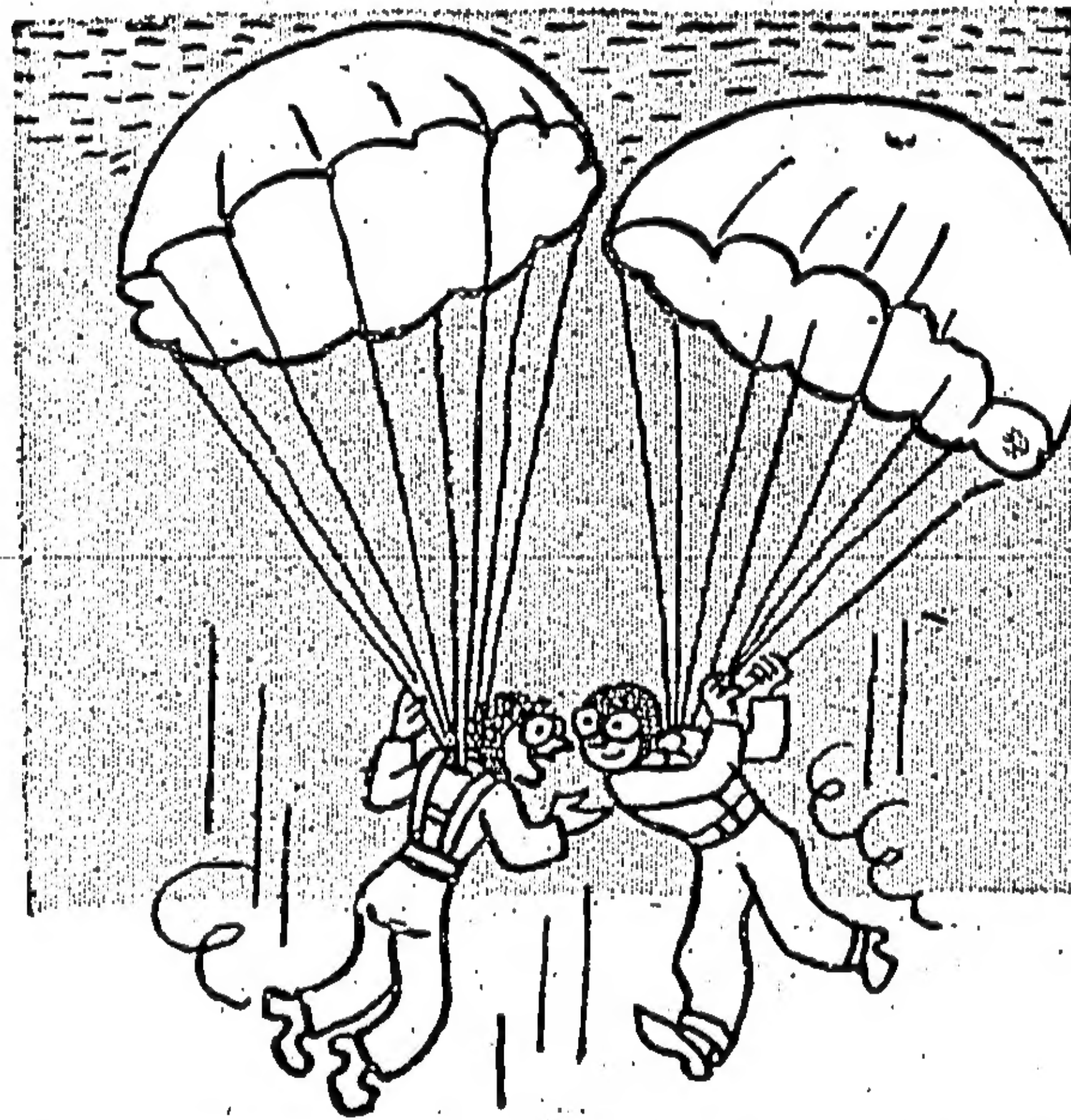
It is, of course, for the parents

to decide. The children are being sent home while the parents make up their minds.

The leader of the party of children said yesterday that he has only been able to find two out of the 320 who are "fed up."

Describing the scene on board ship, he said that he never saw a frightened child. There was no panic and no screaming.—Reuter.

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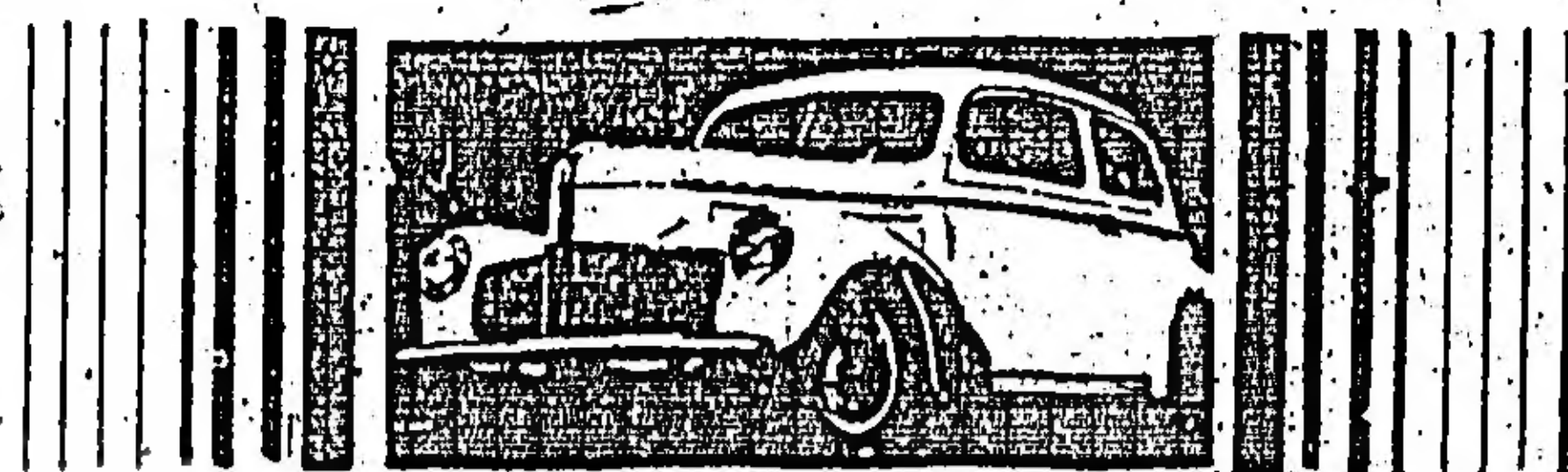
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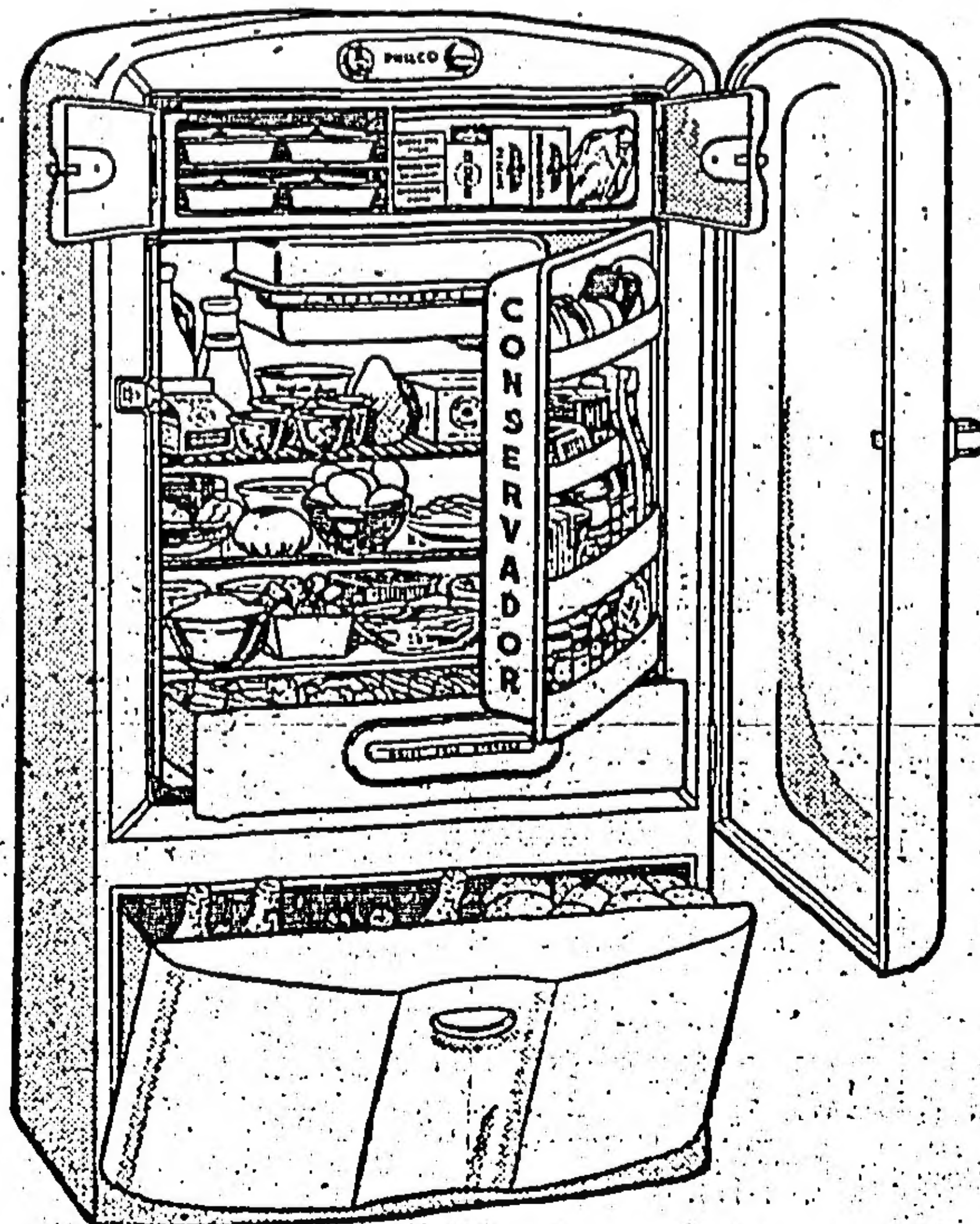
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Transport arrangements are now being made for a further 1,000 tons, and similar quantities will continue to arrive from the Argentine throughout the war. A fund of £60,000 has been collected so far for this purpose.

The Agricultural Attache of the Argentine Legation in London yesterday said that Argentine live-stock breeders, besides realising the value of the British market to them, felt that they must do something to help Britain, with whose aims they are always in sympathy. — Reuter.

TRADING QUIET ON STOCK MARKET

The London Stock Exchange yesterday was generally steady but trading was quiet. Local support was responsible for the good tone of gold-mining while gilt-edged mostly advanced despite the small volume of trading. Elsewhere prices were mostly maintained. Wall Street was closed. — Reuter.

WINNING CONTRACT

(By The Four Aces)

ELIMINATING A GUESS

There were several different ways for South to make his contract if he could guess which opponent held the Ace of clubs; but the correct play to the first trick made it unnecessary to guess:

South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

♠ Q 10 4
♥ J 10 6
♦ A K J 9
♣ 10 8 5

♠ 8 3
♥ Q 8 7 2
♦ 10 8 3 2
♣ A 7 4

♠ A J 9 7
♥ 6
♦ 9 5 4
♣ Q 7 5

♠ K 5 2
♥ A K 3
♦ 6 4
♣ K Q J 9 6

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	1♦	1♠
1NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the eight of spades in response to his partner's rather shabby overcall, and South had a choice of plays. If West held the club Ace, a simple hold-up in spades would assure the contract. But just refusing to win the first trick wouldn't work if East held the club Ace, for that card would serve as entry to the established spades. So the "normal" play was to win the first trick if East had the club Ace; and then dummy's spade Queen would be a second stopper.

These assumptions were all based on the play of a low spade from both the dummy and East. But South soon saw that he didn't have to guess the location of the club Ace if his first play from the dummy was the spade Queen!

If East took the spade Ace, Declarer would still have two stoppers against a spade continuation. And if East refused the first trick, the club Ace could be knocked out safely while South still had the spade King. That's all there was to the hand—just the play of the right card at the first trick to eliminate a guess.

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Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ J 7 5 3
♥ Q 8 2
♦ A
♣ 10 8 7 6 4

The bidding:

Schenken	Burnstone	You	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid four spades. Your first bid did not show the strength of your hand, so you must now take advantage of your partner's try for game.

Score 100% for four spades, 40% for three spades, 0 for pass.

QUESTION NO: 505

To-day you are the dealer and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A 9 8 4
♥ A K Q 7
♦ 8 3
♣ J 10 2

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

(Released By The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Sir, — In view of the desire of H.M. the King that Sunday, September 8th, should be observed as a national day of prayer, special reference will be made to our national needs on that day.

As the Volunteer Sergeants Mess and the V.A.D. Nursing Detachment are voluntarily attending the Cathedral, the seats in the North transept and the aisle on the pulpit side will be reserved for them. Certain seats will also be reserved for other military representatives. The rest of the seats in the Cathedral, with the exception of the two front seats on the lectern side will be available as usual, and extra seats and pews will be introduced to increase the accommodation.

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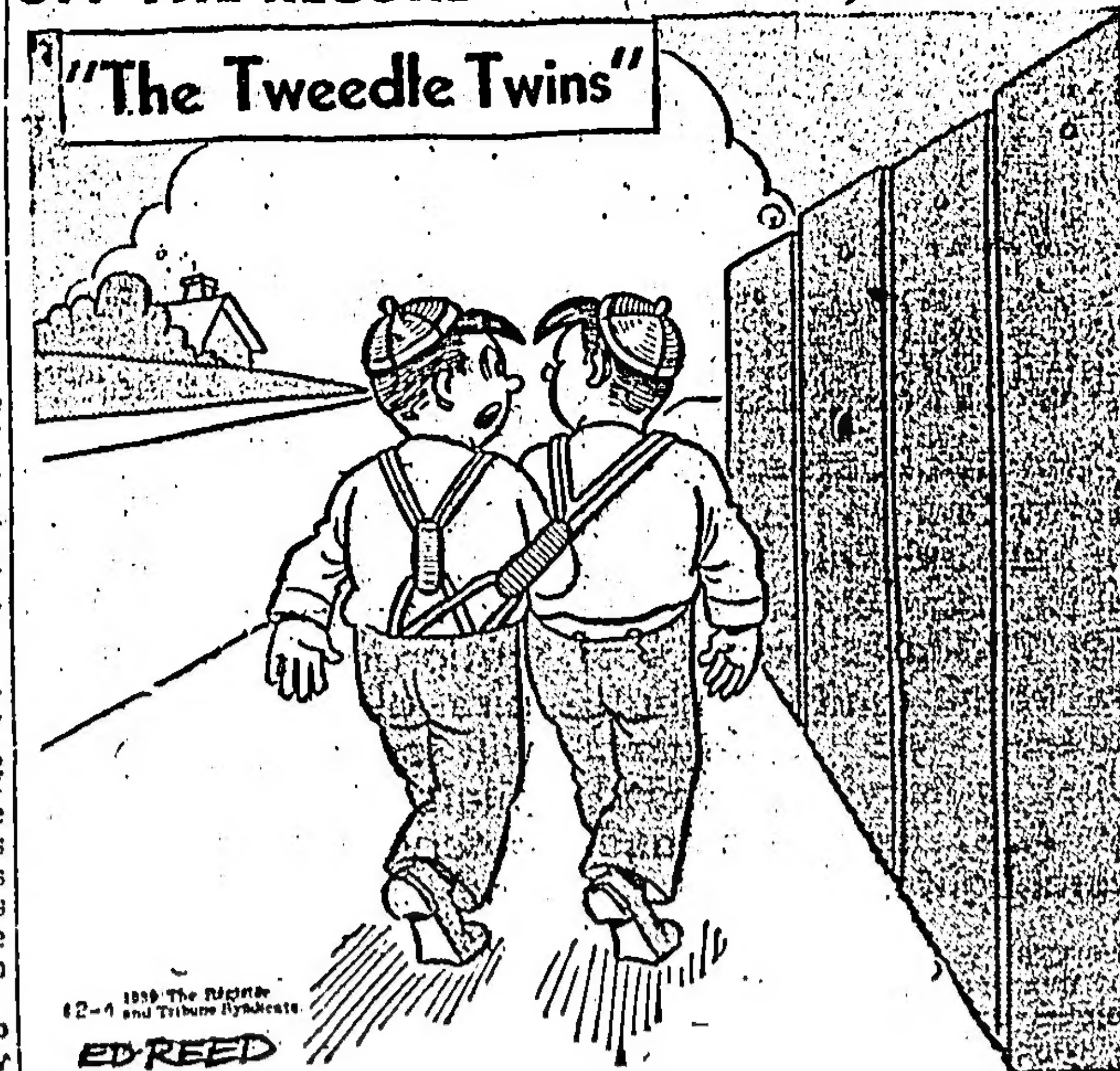
This assurance was given exclusively to Reuter yesterday by Lord Woolton, Minister of Food, who added that some degree of rationing was necessary "but we take pride in the fact that in this country only a few commodities are subject to rationing whereas in Germany it is easier to name goods which are not rationed than those which may be rationed."

"We have endeavoured to build up our resources by enormous purchases from the Empire — Canada, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand and Elre — and we have bought huge consignments of food from the great markets of friendly neutrals."

"In spite of Germany's attempts to blockade us Britain's food position is to-day strong and this in no small part is due to the great efforts of the farmers who have given us a magnificent harvest for the winter." — Reuter.

OFF THE RECORD

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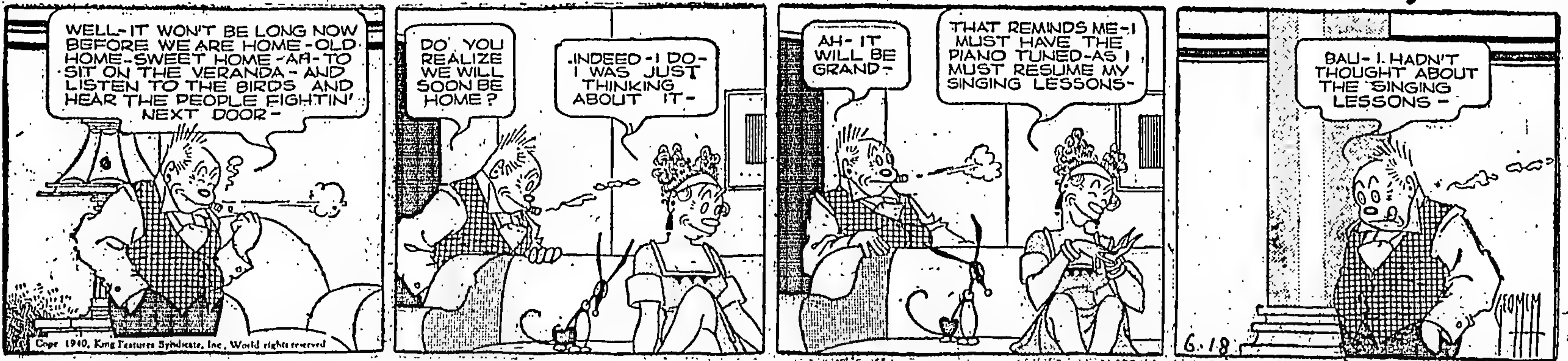
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Men Are Interested In Tucks And Pleats, Too?

It would seem that women have rather let their men down in the matter of clothes. Grim statistics as brought out at the International Association of Clothing Designers meeting, held recently, show that a man buys only four-fifths of a suit a year and that the bulk of the family clothes budget goes for feminine attire!

Furthermore, it was revealed that although women play a big part in buying men's clothes—they purchase 80 per cent. of the men's clothing—they have done little toward making men style conscious or, in fact, becoming style conscious themselves in behalf of their men.

Must Be Educated

Miss Dorothy Stote, fashion authority and author of the book, "Men, Too, Wear Clothes," holds that both men and women can be made style conscious in the field of men's as well as women's clothing.

Then, when Babbitt buys his suit and hat, topcoat and tie, he (and of course Mrs. Babbitt, who will be along) will be as deeply concerned with appropriateness and fit as is Mrs. Babbitt when she purchases her own outfit. His rotund figure will no longer be accentuated by the wrong lines or colour, nor will his hat perch squarely atop his head. He'll pick the right style for his particular figure, because he will know not only what is currently the mode but also which style looks best on him. But meantime he and his wife must be educated up to this!

"Most men still consider clothes as merely necessities essential to cover their persons," observes Miss Stote. "And men are not alone responsible for this attitude. Men's clothing shops seldom take a chance on anything new; and they continually stress, and the women and men buyers look for, price first, wearing virtues second, and style last. Little is said or done to promote style and appropriateness."

Men Are Less Sure

"Every woman knows what kind of clothes best suits her type."



If women to-day could make up their minds as efficiently as they make up their faces, indecision in the feminine world would be nil.

A Patriotic Scheme



Red, white and blue is the theme of Rita Johnson's three-piece suit. The navy skirt is generously flared and has interesting peg-top pockets at each side. Topping the skirt is a white bell-hop jacket accented by military gold buttons in a double row at the front, and repeated on the sleeves. The ensemble is completed with a navy and white breton, white shoes and red bag.

That's why the women of this country are so well dressed. Men are far behind in this. But what can we do to change them?"

Miss Stote admits that designers have been making clothes to suit every type, but that they and the retailers have done little to tell men this or to see to it that the men are sold the types made for them. They have done much too little with colour, she said. Education of the public in style consciousness is greatly needed, she said. She would supplement this with lectures, and she proposes to do this through a new method of advertising and she affairs to add romanticising and through fashion shows, interest.

Would Sell Appropriateness

Such advertising would illustrate wrong and right styles for men of differing physiques and would stress the fact that the clothiers have exactly the right clothes for every figure. It would sell appropriateness. Then, Miss Stote would promote the economics of owning two or three suits, and teach the relation of business success to correct attire. She would supplement this with lectures, and she proposes to do this through a new method of advertising and she affairs to add romanticising and through fashion shows, interest.

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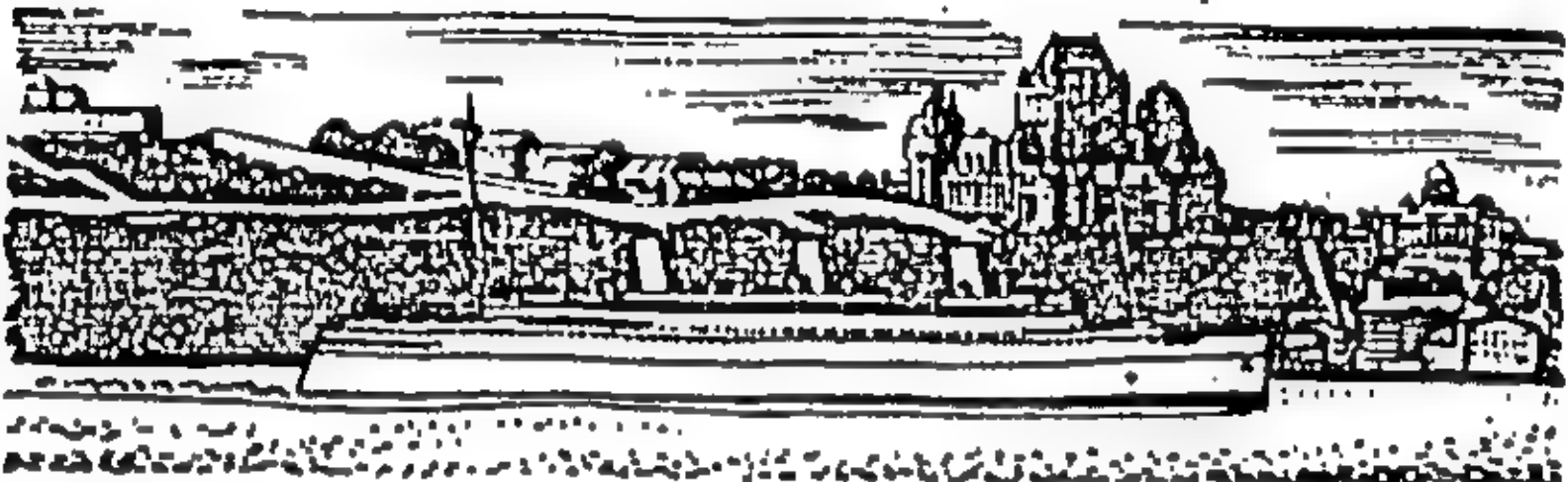
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Light Spanish Programme.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Reports.
1.03 p.m.—Fred Stein (Piano).
1.15 p.m.—Victor Silvester's Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Variety, with Della Murphy, Piano Accordion Band, Norman Long, The Hill Billies, and Lionel Hampton and Orchestra.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—Violin and Piano Recital, by Louis Kentner, Bronislaw Huberman, and Ellen Joyce.
6.25 p.m.—Beethoven's Fifth Symphony.
6.58 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
7.00 p.m.—Talk on Ballet.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
8.03 p.m.—Raib da Costa.
8.15 p.m.—Lawrence Tibbett and De Groot and his Orchestra.
8.45 p.m.—Reginald Foort at the Organ.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and Topical Talks.
9.45 p.m.—"Operetta".
10.00 p.m.—Dance Music, by Tommy Dorsey and his Orchestra, Dick Jurgen and his Orchestra, Horace Heidt and his Alente Brigadiers, Jack Teagarden and his Orchestra, Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro, Eddy Duchin and his Orchestra, Gerardo and his Orchestra, Oscar Rabin and his Romany Band, and Sydney Kyte and his Band.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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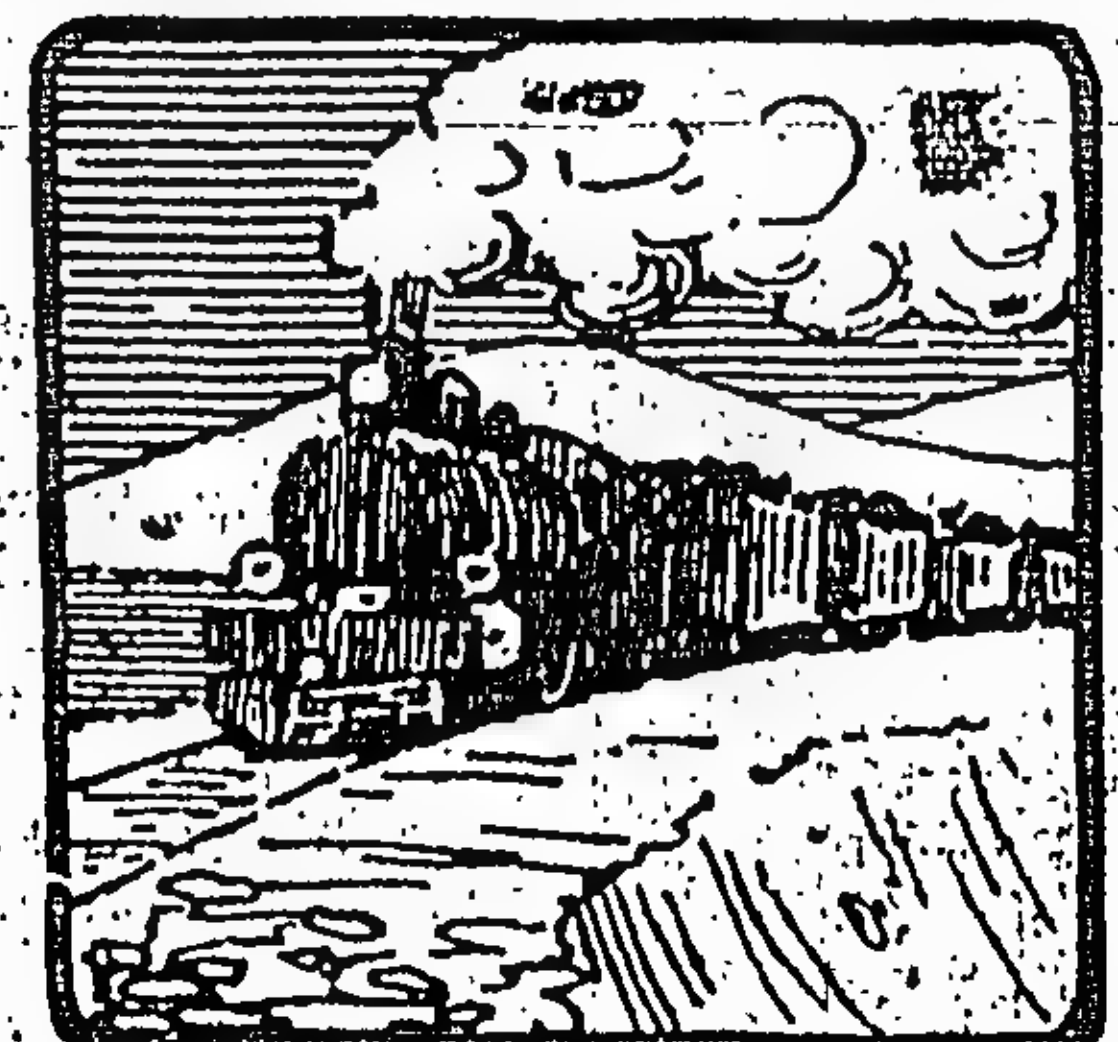
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TOURING ENGLAND FOR RAID DAMAGE EXPLOSION; \$100,000 DAMAGES

(Continued from Page 4)
Slum Property

One attack was not important in itself, but was noteworthy for the comparatively great amount of damage done in an 8-mile stretch. Not one shipyard or factory was touched, the chief damage being to houses, which again were slum property.

Sixty per cent of the damaged houses were already being demolished when the attack was made.

An elementary school not far off was wrecked badly, but the children had left for home two hours earlier.

He visited a district in which 200 bombs were dropped at one time. Vigilant A.R.P. workers, however, got to work promptly and there were only two fires—one in a farm and one in a private house, both of which will be habitable in a very short time.

70 Bombs Dropped

The next town they visited has important shipyards and has had

its share of raids. The biggest raid was when 70 high-explosive bombs were dropped.

Checking up on the damage, he found that two bombs fell on one shipyard. A shed was hit, a wagon overturned. The shed, which is chiefly used for storage purposes, was working normally the next day.

The main part of the yard was untouched.

Another bomb fell outside a chemical works, smashing the wall, but doing no other damage.

A small railway bridge with two sets of rails was hit. Within a few hours, normal service was running on one track.

About four streets of houses were wrecked. The total deaths in the whole raid numbered 10.

"I hope my description has made you feel one quarter as certain as I am of the truth of the British communiques on the raids as compared with the utter tripe of the German communiques," he concluded.

Legend Smashed

Ending the reports, the compere said that he hoped enough has been given to convince listeners that when British communiques say that small damage was caused to industrial property and that casualties were small that they are "telling the truth and nothing but the truth!"

After regretting once again the need for secrecy in the matter of place-names, the compere concluded:

"In this country, the legend of Hitler's invincible air force has been smashed once and for all!"—Reuter.

FOUR MONTHS FOR RENT FRAUD

Charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning with obtaining a sum of \$520 from Cheung Wing, manager of the Wah Hing Import and Export Firm, by false pretences, Sze To-chin, 27 broker, was sentenced to four months' hard labour.

It was stated that defendant posed as the rent collector of No. 71, Bonham Strand East, and said that he was in a position to rent that house to complainant. After obtaining \$520 from complainant defendant was not seen again, until his arrest.

JUDGMENT FOR \$100,000 AND COSTS, IN A CASE ARISING OUT OF THE LOSS OF TWO LIGHTERS, WHICH STRUCK MINES AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE HARBOUR ON OCT. 9 LAST YEAR, WHILE IN TOW, WAS AWARDED THE MI YUEN NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD., A PORTUGUESE FIRM REGISTERED IN MACAO, BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR, AT THE SUPREME COURT THIS MORNING.

Mr. Percy Chen instructed by Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios was for the plaintiffs, while the defendant was not present, nor legally represented.

Plaintiffs were the owners of the lighters, while defendant, Ching Cheong, was the charterer. The claim was then based on an alleged breach of charter in that the lighters were used on a trip to Canton whereas the charter was for use between Macao and Hong Kong.

Permission was given yesterday for an amended statement of claim as Sir Atholl said that he could not see how damages could ensue from breach of the charter party in that the loss occurred in the Colony at a place common both to journeys to Canton and Macao.

This morning, Mr. Chen pleaded negligence and said that certain allegations made by plaintiffs were not denied by defendant and in his absence they must therefore be accepted.

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AQUATICS

Chinese Swimmers Use Peculiar Variations Of "Butterfly" Stroke! Must Familiarise Themselves With The Technique

Ng Nin Favoured For The Colony 50 Yards Event

By "Natator"

THE SERIES OF Triangular Tournaments between South China Athletic Association, Chinese Bathing Club, and Chinese Y.M.C.A. was brought to a satisfactory conclusion last Friday at the C.B.C. Pool at North Point.

It was originally intended that points were to count for "A" class events only, but at a meeting between the three clubs held recently, it was decided that points should also be given for the other class of swimmers in order to encourage competition among them.

At the conclusion a short talk was given by Mr. Tse Yue-chuen, Chairman of the Chinese Bathing Club, who dwelt on the success of the meet, and pointed out the advantages of competition at such a meet, especially among the younger swimmers, who may be champions in the making.

The final results of the Tournament proved the superiority of Chinese "Y" in the events for men. Out of the 11 events, they accounted for all the first places, except the senior 400 metres free-style, which was won by Yeung Cheung-wa of South China, and the junior 50 metres free-style, which was won by Au Kwok-ke of C.B.C.

In the ladies section of events, South China accounted for six of the eight items, the events for Boys were all won by C.B.C., whilst the Girls' events were won by South China.

Best race of the evening was the "A" class 200 metres breast-stroke for men which was won by Fung Kwai-cheung ("Y") over Ho Pun-kun (S.C.), the latter starting as favourite. Matching Ho Pun-kun, stroke for stroke from the start, Fung forged ahead in the last lap with a magnificent spurt to finish first in the fair time of 3 min 9-2/5-secs.

Ho Pun-kun was the more graceful of the two and had a better stroke, but was somehow lacking in

that final burst of speed, whilst on the other hand, Fung Kwai-cheung swam with a slightly jerky stroke, and managed to inject that final effort towards the end to beat Ho.

Yeung Tat-tun, who started for C.B.C., set up a fast pace, and took the lead for two lengths, but was soon exhausted and dropped back.

With the non-appearance of Robert Chan for C.B.C., Yeung Cheung-wa of South China had no difficulty in annexing the 400 metres free-style. Chan Man-por, swimming in place of R. Chan for the C.B.C. attempted a crawl stroke for 50 metres, and managed a lead, but reverted to his normal breast-stroke and soon dropped

SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

It was learned at Victoria Recreation Club yesterday that there has been a slight rearrangement in the dates for the Colony swimming championships. Published as being on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 26, 27, and 28, respectively, it is now announced that in order to give competitors one day's rest before the big night on the Saturday, the dates will be Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, September 25, 26 and 28.

out of the picture entirely. Chan Kwok-kwan appearing for the "Y" and winner of the 1,500 metres free-style in the same tournament, tried desperately to keep up with Yeung Cheung-wa, and although he had the stamina, was lacking in speed, for which reason he only finished second.

Faulty Turning

In the Ladies' 100 metres back-stroke for "A" class, Miss Lee Cheuk-wa proved an easy winner over Miss Ho Wai-king of the C.B.C.

In this race, two of the swimmers were noticed to turn on their face making one crawl stroke before swimming on their backs again. This offence was not only done once, but was committed at each of the three turns and could not have been unobserved by the judges.

It is a condition of the back-stroke race, that swimmers must turn on their backs, and the neglect in calling the attention of the swimmers to this fact, I am sure cannot be due to ignorance, but to a laxity of supervision, and if swimmers are allowed to get away with this erroneous impression in a contest, they will always have a misconception of a back-stroke turn.

Most exciting race of the evening was the ladies 200 metres free-style relay, which was won by the Chinese "Y" team through good swimming on the part of Miss Lee Kwok-wa, who gave the lead to consolidate their win. South China fielded the Misses Ho Wai-man, Au Mei-chuen and Lee Po-lueh, who swam breast-stroke for the first 150 yards and ended up with Miss Lee Cheuk-wa swimming free-style. The handicap in having to compete with breast-stroke swimmers only was too much for South China and the team only managed second, although at one time they threatened to win, when Miss Au Mei-chuen (SS) drew level with Miss Ho Sul-ping ("Y"), but Miss Lee Ywok-wa's brilliant spurt turned the scales in favour of the Chinese "Y" again.

The diving contest was won by Wong King-woon of the C.B.C. his plain swallow being the best dive of all, and was accompanied by applause from the spectators. Fok Ching-hung, of the Chinese "Y" was a close second, whilst Yeung Cheung-wa of South China also gave a creditable performance. Spectators were, however, slightly disappointed as they had expected to see such performers as Wong Yan and Wong Kwok-kit on the boards.

The water-polo game between C.B.C. and Chinese "Y" ended in a win for the home team by five goals to two, although the score at the end of the first half was two-all. Fung Kwok-wa, veteran player for C.B.C., turned out for his first game of the season, and held the centre-half position fairly well.

TENNANT ON TENNIS... NO. 5

DON'T LET FOLLOW-THROUGH TAKE LINE BELOW SHOULDER IN OVERHEAD SMASH

By ELEANOR TENNANT
(Coach of Alice Marble)

The overhead smash is associated with the serve, chief difference being that it is a frontal swing without a windup. The reason is you must create your own action on the service by tossing up the ball.

In the overhead smash the ball already is in play and coming

toward you.

You have time only to lift the racket head up as high as oncoming ball. Drop your racket in a follow-through which places it seemingly over the net, the same as in your service, hitting up and into the ball.

It is important that you get depth on the shot and never let the follow-through take a line below your shoulder.

Common fault is hitting down on the ball, which should clear the net by six feet or more.

Get underneath the ball in hitting, standing sideways as in the service, with feet, shoulders and left foot forward.

NEXT: The forehand.

The outstanding player was Wong Sau-san (C.B.C.) who scored the equaliser for his team, and added to the score again in the second half, and would have scored many more, were it not for the fact that poor support on the part of the other forwards spoiled his positioning as he was clear for scoring on numerous occasions, but the ball was not passed to him. In the melee that ensued in front of the enemy's goal on a three-man attack, Fong Chung-U (C.B.C.) managed to score on an unguarded goal. Po King-fook as goalkeeper, played his usual good game, but sound defensive work on the part of his backs gave him very little work to do.

For the losers, Soong Yiu-tak was the most conspicuous, being seen at almost every position, even unofficially as goalkeeper. After the equaliser, the "Y" team played loosely, and it was evident that they were demoralised, except for Cheung Che-heung at centre-forward, who scored both goals for his side.

C.B.C.—Po King-fook, Wong Cheuk-nin, Fung Kwok-wa, Kwok Fung-sun, Chu Fook-to (2), Fong Chung-U (1), and Wong Sau-san (2).

CHINESE "Y"—Soo Pak-fai, Chan Kam-fai, Fok Ching-hung, Soong Yiu-tak, Cheung Che-heung (2), Chan Shuk-king and Chan Kwok-kwan.

S. CHINA'S GALA

South China held their fourth gala of the season on Thursday evening at their pool at North Point. The main item of interest was the 50 metres butterfly stroke, which was won by Ho Pun-kun in 42 seconds, a very slow time, since he can do the same distance with his ordinary breast-stroke under 40.

Although swimming slowly, Ho was the only one of the five entrants to swim the stroke correctly. Compared to the other exponents of this stroke who can do the same distance in 32 seconds, he has to improve a lot before he can reach competitive standard.

Ho Pun-kun, essentially a breast-stroker, is considered one of the best in Chinese swimming circles, and is the latest addition to those who are gradually changing from the orthodox to the new stroke.

The other swimmers in the race used various peculiar strokes, ranging from a frog-like with alternate arm-strokes, to something resembling a crawl stroke with both arms pulling simultaneously. Obviously the swimmers are not yet quite familiar with the execution of the stroke, and their coach should have seen that they knew about the stroke before they were allowed to participate in competitions—one of the competitors actually told me he never saw the stroke executed before.

Owing to the fact that three prizes were set aside for this race, Au Leung-wa, and Chu Pui-kun, although disqualified, were accepted as second and third, for finishing the distance.

The Ladies' 100 metres free-style was won by Miss Po-luen who used a breast-stroke, although Miss Lee Cheuk-wa who finished second had a lead at one time of almost 15 metres. Miss Lee Cheuk-wa, although capable of swimming 50 metres in fairly good time, is not strong enough to compete in a 100 metres race, and should concentrate on the 50 metres distance. The upset of the evening was beaten by Miss Ho Wai-man, who started with a lead which she was fortunate enough to maintain till the finish. Both of them swam with a breast-stroke.

The water-polo game, which concluded the evening's gala, ended in a victory for the home team over the Eastern Athletic by the only goal scored in the gruelling game, which was marked by keen friendly rivalry throughout and was without a dull moment.

Winning Goal

The goal which gave South China the lead throughout was scored by Yiu King-chuen a few minutes after the opening whistle, and although Eastern threatened to equalise on numerous occasions, they were unable to do so, mainly on account of the close defensive play of the South China backs.

For the winners, Choo Siew-hong kept goal brilliantly, and saved many certain goals, at least on three occasions, when Shek Kam-pui broke away to shoot from point blank range.

Although Choo has turned out for the South China squad regularly for the last three years, he has been unable to turn out for his team this year on account of his working hours, this being his first appearance. He has, however, signified his intention of turning out for future games. Ho Yuk-kwan, who was fielded at the last minute to replace Poon Tai-shing at left back, gave a good account of himself, and nullified every effort of Chu Chuk-yau's double-handed attack, although at times he was guilty of erratic clearances.

Lee Ke-yeung, playing right back, managed to hold Kwok Chan-hang scoreless, whilst Harold Wing-lee at centre-half had Tommy Kew helpless, and only allowed him a few feeble shots that hardly reached the goal.

At centre Henry Sa played furiously in trying to increase the lead, and although ably assisted by Lionel Lowe at left was unable to make any further additions.

Yiu King-chuen, at right, decided the game with his beautiful forehand shot, and although playing in his first year of water-polo, gave a splendid account of himself.

For Eastern, Lee Fook-ke at right back and Shek Kam-pui at centre-half, carried the burden of the game, having to attack as well as defend for their team, as their forwards were helpless against South China's stone-wall defence.

The second half proved too tiring for these two, with the result that whenever they had an opportunity of scoring their shots were too weak to have any effect. Keeping goal for the losers, Cheung Mun-wing had a busy time, and although he permitted only one ball to pass him, was quite shaky, whilst his clearances could have been better.

Kwok Fung-sun, played safely, spoiling Henry Sa's numerous chances. Attacking for the Easterners, Kwok Chan-hang had two good chances to score, but fumbled and allowed the ball to be clear out of the danger zone.

SOUTH CHINA—Choo Siew-hong, Lee Ke-yeung, Ho Yuk-kwan, Harold Wing-lee, Henry Sa, Lionel Lowe and Yiu King-chuen (1).

EASTERN—Cheung Mun-wing, Kwok Fung-sun, Lee Fook-ke, Shek Kam-pui, Tommy Kew, Kwok Chan-hang and Chu Chuk-yau.

CHUNG SHING GALA

On the same evening, the Chung Shing Benevolent Society held a gala at their Kennedy Town pool, in which Ng Nin was the star of the evening giving a most spectacular performance in the 50 metres free-style and the 50 metres butterfly stroke.

Negotiating 50 metres in 26.8 secs., he equalled the Far Eastern record and at the same time bettered the National mark of 28 seconds. This achievement, together with his recent consistent performances, marks him as a favourite for the 50 yards sprint in this year's Colony Championships which will take place this month.

Converted to an equivalent for yards, his latest time works out at 24.5 secs., much lower than the Colony record of 24.8 secs.

During the course of the evening, he also improved on his own existing time of 32 seconds for the 50 metres butterfly stroke, by slipping off two points from his time.

At Victoria Recreation Club, tomorrow afternoon, the South China water-polo team will be guests in a game with the home team, at the conclusion of their members' gala.

South China is one of the strongest Chinese combinations, and although much weakened by the loss of Lee Fook-ke and Shek Kam-pui since the beginning of the season, have improved immensely, and have succeeded in beating most of the leading Chinese Clubs. Poon Tai-shing, holding the

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YESTERDAY'S ARMY TENNIS MATCHES

Three Army League tennis matches were played yesterday, one in First Division and the other two in Second Division.

In a First Division Army Tennis League match at Sookumpoo yesterday, 8th Heavy Regiment, Royal Artillery, beat Royal Army Pay Corps by 6 sets to three.

Hook and Skipworth (R.A.) lost to Adam and Murray 6-8
beat Reed and Norrell 6-0
beat Carden and Stone 6-2
Skinner and Osborne (R.A.) lost to Adam and Murray 1-6
beat Reed and Norrell 6-0
beat Carden and Stone 6-4
McConnell and Shirlaw (R.A.) lost to Adam and Murray 1-6

beat Reed and Norrell 6-3
beat Carden and Stone 6-3
R.S. v R.A.O.C.
Royal Scots Regiment beat Royal Army Ordnance Corps by 6 sets to 3 in a Second Division Army Tennis League at Sookumpoo yesterday.

Alsey and Downing (R.E.) beat Peters and Harding 6-1
beat Pitt and Hunter 6-1
beat Pennington and Hewittson 6-1
Gilroy and Jenkins (R.S.) 4-0
lost to Peters and Harding 6-2
beat Pitt and Hunter 6-2
beat Pennington and Hewittson 6-3
Hale and Sharrock (R.S.) lost to Peters and Harding 2-6
lost to Pitt and Hunter 6-0
beat Pennington and Hewittson 7-5

R.A.O.C. v R.A.
Another match in the Second Division Army Tennis League was decided, when Royal Army Ordnance Corps beat 36th Heavy Battery, Royal Artillery, by 7 sets to 2.

Peters and Harding (R.A.O.C.) beat Thompson and Davis 6-1
lost to Hickie and Mills 2-6
beat James and Godfrey 6-4
Jack and Hunter (R.A.O.C.) beat Thompson and Davis 10-8
lost to Hickie and Mills 2-6
beat James and Godfrey 7-5
Pitt and Pinder (R.A.O.C.) beat Thompson and Davis 6-1
beat Hickie and Mills 6-3
beat James and Godfrey 6-2

LAWN BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Following are the results of matches in the Open Lawn Bowls Championships played yesterday:

OPEN SINGLES
A. R. Minu beat E. F. Pope 21-7
J. S. Landolt beat A. K. Minu 21-16
A. Hyde-Lay beat W. McNeill 21-11
W. J. Howard beat J. Pau 21-20
W. V. Field beat E. de Souza 21-13
L. F. Xavier beat J. G. Meyer 21-13
C. W. Lam beat J. E. Hen-son 21-20
M. R. Abbas beat R. Dun-can 21-20

OPEN PAIRS
W. J. Burling and M. N. Rakusen beat A. Steven and S. E. Marshall by 17 shots to 16.
C. S. Rosset and A. A. Razack beat E. W. C. Simmonds and F. Goodwin 23-19.

TO-DAY'S BOWLS

Following is to-day's programme:-

OPEN SINGLES
At Kowloon F.C.
F. X. Soares v E. C. Fincher
J. C. Gill v A. W. Grimmit
At Kowloon B.G.C.
J. F. McGowan v R. Morrison
A. J. Jilott v C. E. Marques
At Craigengower
E. V. Searle v C. Gowland
J. C. Aitken v C. Dowman

ARMY TENNIS PAIRINGS

Following are leading Army League tennis records to date:-

"A" Division			
P.	L.	W.	
Grose and Wilkinson (R.E.)	27	3	24
Emerson and Duffield (R.A.O.C.)	21	0	21
Megson and Denyer (R.E.)	24	4	20
Alsey and Willis (R.E.)	28	6	20
Mitchell and Easley (R.E.)	27	8	19
Smith and Harrison (R.A.M.C.)	18	0	18
Bridge and Boocock (R.A.O.C.)	18	5	13
Taverner and Morgan (5th R.A.)	18	2	16
Adam and Murray (R.A.O.C.)	20	6	14
Skipworth and Hook (8th R.A.)	15	3	12
Gardner and Stonor (R.A.O.C.)	18	7	11
Moon and Waller (12th R.A.)	18	7	11
Taylor and James (R.A.P.C.)	8	0	8
Mackie and Garrow (Seaforth)	12	4	8
Ingram and Mew (5th R.A.)	12	5	7
Webb and Milne (R.A.M.C.)	12	5	7
Glasgow and Fowler (R.S.)	18	11	7
Meekings and Louis (5th R.A.)	12	6	6
Pinkney and Carden (R.A.P.C.)	20	14	6
McMurthy and Scorey (12th R.A.)	18	12	6
Powell and Webster (Seaforth)	8	0	8
Milne and Musson (R.A.M.C.)	9	3	6

At Recreo
A. Brooksbank v J. M. Jack
A. Bower v M. N. Rakusen
At Kowloon C.C.
A. Morton v A. J. Coelho
D. W. Waterton v W. C. Simpson
J. E. Noronha v A. M. Holland

"B" Division			
P.	L.	W.	
Rivett and Quinell (R.E.)	24	0	24
Spencer and Shaw (R.E.)	24	2	22
Jenkins and Gilroy (R.S.)	21	6	15
Freeman and Bird (R.E.)	15	1	14
Bowditch and Maynard (8th R.A.)	15	5	10
Peters and Harding (R.A.O.C.)	15	6	10
Taylor and Downing (R.S.)	18	10	8
Mills and Simpson (5th R.A.)	9	2	7
Wadridge and Goodenough (36th R.A.)	15	8	7
Whittaker and Coughlin (5th R.A.)	6	0	6
McMillan and Simons (24th R.A.)	6	0	6
Freer and Parnell (8th R.A.)	0	0	6
Cooper and Hunter (R.A.O.C.)	9	3	6
Bird and Martin (R.E.)	6	1	5
Brakenberry and Langley (Signals)	9	4	5
Warder and Hannan (24th R.A.)	6	2	4
Love and Seully (Signals)	9	5	4
Ingleby and Reed (R.A.P.C.)	15	11	4
Pitt and Pinder (R.A.O.C.)	6	2	4
Bearson and McMillan (24th R.A.)	3	0	3
Roche and Maynard (8th R.A.)	3	0	3
Lamb and Bird (R.E.)	3	0	3
Kennedy and Savage (5th R.A.)	3	0	3
Freer and Robertson (8th R.A.)	3	0	3
Cassey and Stone (8th R.A.)	3	0	3
Hamman and Thompson (24th R.A.)	6	3	3
Warder and Pidgeon (24th R.A.)	6	3	3
Thompson and Denton (24th R.A.)	6	3	3
Fiddy and Barracough (5th R.A.)	6	3	3
Iggleden and Bannister	15	12	3
Graham and Green (R.S.)	8	5	3
Pennington and Adams	3	0	3

AQUATICS

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right-back position, will be unable to turn up owing to business reasons, and Kwok Kai-chiu will probably take his place. South China will field the following: Choo Siew-hong, Lee Ke-yung, Ho Yuk-kwan, Kwok Kai-chiu, Harold Winglee, Henry Sa and Lionel Lowe. V.R.C. have not yet decided on their line-up, but will field their best.

It is learned that Lawrence has signified his intention of turning out for the home team, which will be considerably strengthened with him at centre-half.

A good game is promised, whichever side wins.

EASTERN'S SHEDS RE-ERECTED

The Eastern Athletic Association, have re-erected their bamboo shed at North Point, and have announced that they will meet Lai Tsin Union in a return contest at their pool.

The events will be identical to those they competed for at their last tournament, with the possible exception of an addition to the programme, the 400 metres free-style.

This event, if added should be won by Chan Chun-nam of Lai Tsin, but Eastern are hoping that the contest will give their swimmers some experience in a race over this distance, as there have not been many chances during the year for them to swim in a race of this distance.

At the last Royal Scots Regimental Gala, Chan won the 400 yards free-style easily, in 5 mins. 6-2/5 secs., leaving his nearest rival G. T. May of the Y.M.C.A. far behind. Unfortunately the race was not over the recognised distance of 440 yards, otherwise there would have been an opportunity of comparing his time with the standing records.

CHUNG SHING VISIT MACAO

During the holidays, the Chung Shing Swimming team went over to Macao to take part in a two-day swimming exhibition. The first day they competed against the Macao Chinese Swimming Club, and on the second day they were entertained by an All-Macao team. Members of the team were as follows:-Ng Chi-man (Manager), Kong Chun-wa (Captain), Chan Sek-pui, Ng Nin, So Tim-mo, Kong Cheuk-chau, Tong Shiu-fai, Chung Shui-chi, Cheung Che-heung, Poon Ping-man, Ng Chun-man and Cheung Wai-kwong.

HOME CRICKET NORTH AND SOUTH TEAMS FOR CHARITY

A cricket writer deplores the poor effort made by M.C.C. to help to swell the War Fund. He writes:

I am putting it up to M.C.C. to stage a two-day match for War Funds. Make it North v. South—the old rivalry still bubbles in the blood stream—and just to show the dazzling box office possibilities here's two elevens, both good enough to carry an England Test label!

NORTH—H. Sutcliffe (captain), H. Verity, M. Leyland, L. Hutton, W. Bowes, J. Hardstaff, E. Paynter, M. Oldfield, A. Wood, W. Phillips, and W. Copson.

SOUTH—W. R. Hammond (captain), D. Compton, L. Ames, H. T. Bartlett, E. Davies (Glam.), E. R. Conradi, Tom Goddard, K. Farnes, M. S. Nichols, P. Smith and A. W. Wellard.

And still plenty of good ones over to fill possible gaps.

Such as Perks, Pollard, Mitchell, Heane and Keeton (North), Jim Langridge, Robertson, Sims, Edrich and Paul Brooks (South).



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SHARP STINGS READY ALONG A SUNNY LIDO

Britain's Coast Defence

A HIDDEN HAIL of fire awaits invaders of England, writes Reuter's special correspondent who visited the Southern Command yesterday.

Looked at from the sea the foreshore looks still what it was, a sunny lido with hills on both sides and woodland beyond.

Rolled barbed wire is the only snag an invader would see, but rifle and machine-gun marksmen would be at concealed posts the moment the alarm came and there is a series of the most ingeniously concealed and camouflaged pill-boxes to be found anywhere in Britain.

Narrow roads leading to the country through which an invader might spread out to capture the two main cities would be under fire and flame.

The further west an enemy lands the more treacherous the roads become, getting narrower and steeper every few miles.

Moors Patrolled

Expert horsemen enrolled in the Home Guard patrol the moors after dark, astride ponies on the look-out for parachutists.

Counter-bombardment and close defence both from frontal attack by sea and from inland is well provided for.

There is every hope that a drive across England from the west and south-west, should a landing be made, would be soon localised. — Reuter.

MYSTERIOUS BOX FOUND

An unlocked strong box was found on the football field of the Club de Recreio, King's Park, yesterday, and taken to the Yaumati Police Station. The box had apparently been forced open, and inside was a bottle of tablets, a blank cartridge, and a visiting card with the name, "Madame Widmer Drouth."

GERMANS TURN IN PELL-MELL FLIGHT

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Seven of our fighters had been lost at this time, but four of the pilots were known to be safe.

The second air raid warning in the London area lasted 86 minutes.

Three of a formation of about 40 German bombers were shot down by A.A. fire within two minutes over the outskirts of the London area last evening. Buses and traffic carried on

DAY AND NIGHT SHELLING THREAT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

German long-range guns along the coast of France will swing into action in the near future as the drive against Britain gets into full swing, according to Berlin official circles.

These guns have so far fired only test shots, say these same circles, but once they begin they will keep it up "night and day, like the present air raids." — Havas.

as usual and many workers decided to make for home while the raid was still in progress.

Some, walking along the streets, gazed up as British fighters passed overhead, and then went on their way reassured.

Sight Of Century!

Thousands last evening watched what one of many Empire soldiers among them described as the "sight of the century" — German raiders fleeing pell-mell before the defences of London.

All day long, from the time of the city's first warning at 7 a.m., the German air force had tried to attack; time and time again they were flung back, and before London's sirens had wailed for the second time 25 raiders had been shot down.

Then, at 3.25 p.m., raiders appeared to approach from two directions.

Masses of German planes ran into one of the most tremendous anti-aircraft barrages watchers had ever seen, and concentrations of R.A.F. fighters hurtled down among the raiders already scattered by A.A. shells.

Fled Madly

The Germans fled madly and the all clear sounded at 4.50 p.m. as Spitfires were seen flying over having, with their colleagues, once more cleared London's skies.

About 70 raiders in three formations twice tried to break through over one district alone but A.A. gunners blew two to bits in mid-air.

When another formation twice attempted to pierce the defences at one south-eastern district, a Dornier bomber and a Messerschmidt crashed flaming into fields two miles apart.

The Air Ministry, announcing that 26 enemy aircraft were shot down up to 5.30 p.m. yesterday, says that during the year our fighters have shot down 1,752 enemy planes while A.A. guns accounted for 190. — Reuter.

Fighters In Wait

Over one hundred German bombers and fighters tried to break through the Thames Estuary defences between eight and nine o'clock in the morning.

Once again Fighter Command pilots waiting for the raiders in their Spitfires and Hurricanes could see the discouraging effect of anti-aircraft fire on the enemy. The pilots of a Spitfire squadron reported that a bomber formation heading up river was turned back by the intense anti-aircraft barrage. Some of the raiders came in by the Estuary, others crossed from the south Kent coast.

First to attack them was a

STOP PRESS

A China National Aviation Corporation plane is reported to have made a forced landing at Ngaushiwan yesterday morning. The report stated that the pilot was forced to land beyond the aerodrome. The pilot, it was added, was hurt and the machine damaged.

An official of the C.N.A.C. at Kai Tak, told the "China Mail" that there was "no accident" and that the machine "only landed near the fence surrounding the aerodrome."

"No one was hurt," he added.

The cholera outbreak in Kowloon continues of serious dimensions. During the three days ended at midnight, 19 fresh cases were reported from Kowloon. There were also two cholera cases in Victoria and one each from the New Territories and the harbour.

Hurricane squadron whose pilots saw 29 Dornier bombers coming up the Estuary at 15,000 feet with Messerschmidt 110 fighter-bombers stepped up above them to 20,000 feet.

Sent Crashing

Before the Messerschmidt could arrive one of the bombers had one to crash on the aerodrome which it had been sent to attack.

Spitfire pilots who watched A.A. guns driving back the bomber formation went after the protecting Messerschmidt 109. One crashed and another burst into flames.

Other Spitfires did not wait for the enemy to arrive. They went over to France from the Kent coast and destroyed three Messerschmidt 109s.

On the way back one Spitfire pilot became separated from his squadron. Seeing 50 Dorniers 17 and Messerschmidt 110 flying closely packed he dived at the outside fighter-bomber and saw his bullets strike home. — British Wireless.

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